



MERRY XMAS  
TO EVERYBODY

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## Christmas Edition



### Group Organizes To Promote Work On State Fair

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 19 — Incorporation of "Friends of the Kentucky State Fair" was announced yesterday with one stated purpose to keep the fair "free from political interference."

Another objective stated in the articles of incorporation is to insure "continuity of qualified competent management."

The articles said the organization intends to advance work of the fair to promote the agricultural, industrial, commercial and natural resources of Kentucky.

Clifton Rodes, Louisville, was named president of the organization, which included directors from this vicinity. Among them are James E. Brown, Shelbyville, and Samuel R. Guard, Anchorage.

Among the original incorporators were W. B. Belknap, Goshen, and Mark V. Marlowe, Lexington.

Organizers said membership will be expanded to include persons interested in the fair from all sections of the state.

### Scout Officials Attend Meeting

The Lonesome Pine Council Boy Scouts of America held its annual business meeting at the Colonial Hotel last Wednesday in Wise Virginia.

Scouters from the Hazard District who attended included H. E. Greer, council president; Charlie Johnson, district commissioner; A. H. Jopp, district chairman; Virgil Marcum, council advancement chairman and Estill McIntyre, field executive.

Among the items of business was the election of council officers for the coming year. H. E. Greer was elected to serve as President for his eighth consecutive year. He was also named along with E. R. Wright of Wheelwright to serve as a National council representative. Other council officers elected from the Hazard District are R. L. Gordon, vice-president, and A. H. Jopp, district chairman. The following men from this district were elected to serve as members at large of the council: Virgil Marcum, Charlie Johnson, Edgar Reynolds, J. G. Green, Prewitt Gum, Roy Eversole, Irvin T. Glick, and R. W. Gibson.

**Christmas 1947**

EVERY Christmas season brings to us the recurring knowledge that mankind need not be destined for sorrow, dejection and strife. The spirit of Christmas captures us with its glory and teaches us that a lasting peace on earth is our highest goal.

If you will permit the publisher of this newspaper one wish at this Christmas time, let it be this: That the spirit of the Christmas star may be our perpetual guide and that we may meet our fellow men on the level of peace, trust and friendship. Not just until December 26, but for the rest of the year—for the rest of our lives.

It is in that spirit that this newspaper extends to all of you its hope for a truly

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

### THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

"... Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10, 11). This was the message of the angel to the shepherds in the field that first Christmas in Bethlehem.

#### Good News

It is the best news the world ever heard. God sent Jesus to be the Saviour of the world. The problem of sin is inescapable. Sin is a fact in our world and in every life. God says, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all." Whatever else Christ is He came primarily to be your Saviour. What God has said about Him is for you. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." That is for you. That is the meaning of Christmas.

#### Great Joy

There can be no real happiness apart from Christ. Outwardly you may appear to be happy, but unless you have trusted Christ as your own Saviour you are not really happy. Without Christ, God says, you are "like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest." Christ brings great joy to all who trust Him for themselves.

#### To All People

What a responsibility is yours. Yours is the task of seeing to it that all people know the Christ who alone gives real meaning to life. What a message to all who will hear. Christ came for you. May Christ be real to you this Christmas. May the angelic message have real meaning to you as again you read, "Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

—Marion E. Parker

## Two Letcher County Deputy Sheriffs Slain On Cumberland River Saturday Night; 5 Held in Slaying

### Lewis Demands Pensions For Coal Miners

Washington Dec. 18 — John L. Lewis, chief of the United Mine Workers, was reported Wednesday to be demanding a \$12,000 annual pension for soft coal miners over 60 years of age who retire after 20 years of service.

While Lewis and the UMW declined confirmation industry circles reported Lewis prof of the operations of the miners welfare fund.

The fund established in last year's contract between the UMW and the operators, is financed coal and now totals about \$50,000,000. It is used for medical hospital and similar benefits.

Industry sources said, however, the present royalty would be insufficient to meet the additional cost of pensions. They calculated that 10 to 30 cents extra a ton would be necessary on the basis of current production of about 600,000,000 tons annually.

Trustees of the fund met in Washington last week and are due to meet again Friday when the operators may give their reply to Lewis.

### GOOD CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ENJOYED BY ROTARIANS

Rotarians enjoyed a splendid Christmas program by Hugh Adams assisted by Mrs. Ruth Tolliver, Mrs. Oscar Lewis, William Walter Hall and a number of students.

### Jenkins Band Boosters Reach Goal For New Uniforms

The Jenkins Band Boosters Club has just concluded a most successful campaign for raising money to outfit the Jenkins School Band with new uniforms and other needed equipment.

In appreciation of the hundreds of donations received, the club presented the Jenkins School Band and the Jenkins High School Girls chorus in a pre-Christmas concert at the King Coal Theatre Monday night, December 15. Over a thousand people attended to hear this delightful program and to watch the colorful crowning of the Band King and Queen, Caris Williams and La Von Burke. Right Senior girls in formal dress did an unusually fine job of ushering and later served as escorts for the King and Queen. Mr. Roger L. Wilson, principal of the high school, served as master of ceremonies and kept the large audience in god humor throughout the evening's entertainment.

The following program was presented:

The National Anthem  
S. I. B. A. March — Hall  
Dreadnaught, Overture — Holmes

Today There Is Ringing — Christiansen  
Aurora, Overture — Yoder  
Agnus Dei L'Arlesienne Suite (Continued On Page Four)

**Christmas**

nightballs, the singing of carols, a lighted tree, yule logs burning... the symbols of Christmas are many...

But throughout the world the spirit of Christmas is the same — a spirit of peace, of fellowship and of good will.

### Charlie Critten of McRoberts Shot and Killed by Neighbor

Charlie Critten was shot and killed instantly in the home of his neighbor, R. C. Johnson at McRoberts on Sunday when he went there intoxicated and is reported to have abused his neighbor Arcel Johnson at said to have killed him by shooting him in the head with a shot gun. Mrs. Johnson, an expectant mother, is now in the Fleming hospital. Johnson was arrested and placed under \$2500 bond.

### Visit of Income Tax Man

Collector of Internal Revenue, S. R. Glenn, announces that a deputy from his office will visit, Jenkins, Jan. 5 and 6, Neon, Jan. 7 and 8, Whitesburg, Jan. 2, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15 1948 for the purpose of assisting farmers in preparing their January 15th declaration of final income tax returns, also taxpayers who would be required to file amended declaration returns or would be privileged to file final returns by January 15.

The first co-operative dairy in America was established in Orange county, New York in 1856.

### Willard Hall and Dave Galloway Shot and Killed While Trying to Arrest Man for Drunkenness and Disorderly Conduct at the Home of Leonard Fields Near Foot of Pine Mountain on Cumberland.

Deputy Sheriff Willard Hall, about 55, and Deputy Sheriff, Dave Galloway, 47, were both murdered on Saturday night about 6:30 at the home of Leonard Fields on Cumberland near the foot of Pine Mountain.

According to officers Mr. Hall, Mr. Galloway, Sheriff Combs and Son-in-law, Buddy McWilliams left Whitesburg around 5:00 o'clock Saturday evening to check on law violators as a whole and serve a paper on Willard Collier on Cumberland, who it developed, was at Leonard Fields home. There had been some complaint that Collier had been drunk and was disturbing the peace. The "station wagon" which was driven by McWilliams was parked in front of the house and Willard and Dave got out and went inside the house to serve the warrant, Sheriff Combs and "Mac" waiting in the car. Soon after the two officers entered the house two shots rang out almost simultaneously. Mr. Combs states that he jumped out of the car on one side and Mac on the other. Sheriff Combs ran up the steps, tried the door and about the same time a key turned the lock and they would not let him in. He then went to the rear of the house and tried the back door which also was locked. He looked in a window and saw a man's head on the floor and saw two men, one with the arm around the other's shoulder. Not having a gun and realizing that something terrible had taken place, he immediately ran back to the station wagon and said, "Mac", let's go for help something terrible has happened to Willard and Dave. They drove back to Whitesburg to get guns and help, calling all officers in the county. By the time they were ready to return to get the wounded officers and the violators, he states that Leonard Fields had gotten into a car and come to Whitesburg to give himself up and stated that his wife had killed the men. The county officials went after the bodies along with Archie Craft, Letcher County Coroner—findings both men dead on the floor. Mr. Fields was said to have fired the fatal shots while sitting in front of the fire, near where the bodies lay. One body was in one room, the other in another—and according to the latest information, it is believed two different types of shells were used — two guns being found in the home when the officers returned.

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Ohio is one of our ranking states in agriculture, natural resources, manufacturing and commercial activities.

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### THY NEIGHBOR

Who is thy neighbor? He whom thou  
Hast power to aid or bless;  
Whose aching heart or burn-  
ing brow  
Thy soothing hand may press.

Thy neighbor? 'Tis the faint-  
ing poor  
Whose eyes with want are  
dim;  
O, enter thou his humble door  
With aid and peace for him.

Thy neighbor? He who drinks  
the cup  
Then sorrow drowns the brain;  
With words of high, sustaining  
hope  
Go thou and comfort him.

Thy neighbor? 'Tis the weary  
slave,  
Fettered in mind and limb;  
He hath no hope this side the  
grave;  
Go thou and ransom him.

Thy neighbor? Pass no mourn-

er by;  
Perhaps thou canst redeem  
A breaking heart from misery;  
Go share thy lot with him.

Eighty-five percent of the students attending the University of Kentucky are Kentuckians.

The University of Kentucky has 96 different student organizations, including honorary, other worthwhile societies.



The old Cherry Tree carol, or the legend upon which it is based, is undoubtedly the reason for the custom of placing a branch of cherry tree in water to bud for Christmas time.

According to this legend, Mary and Joseph on their way to Bethlehem passed a tree loaded with cherries. Mary was hungry for some of the fruit and asked Joseph to pluck some cherries for her. The tree graciously bowed down so that Mary could pick the fruit herself.

It has been customary among the Czechs and Slovaks to take the branch of a cherry tree and place it in water in the late fall so that the buds reach the blossoming stage at Christmas time.

The belief was current that if the sprig blossomed by Christmas Eve, the girl who tended it would marry during the New Year.

Seco, Ky.

Dear Santa

There's no use to tell you about myself for you already know me I sure have had my hands full trying to keep my big brother Elmer out of trouble and help baby brother Gene with his lessons after I get my own. I am 10 years old and I want you to bring me a foot ball wrecker, truck cowboy suit and some nuts and candy. Hoping to see you Xmas. From

Delmer Cook

## Ornament Making A Cottage Industry

Those colored glass ornaments that we hang on our Christmas trees have come from Germany, Czechoslovakia and Poland. A small number were made in Japan. When the war cut off these supplies, American glass manufacturers, who had never bothered with these products before, turned part of their facilities over to making the pretty gewgaws. Mechanical methods were soon developed that could blow as many ornaments in an hour as a European glassblower could make in a month. Thus modern efficiency may doom this picturesque little industry, carried on in the mountainous towns of eastern Europe.

Ornament making is a typical "cottage industry" in the little villages that cling to the steep mountainsides. Families specialize in certain shapes and designs, patterns that may date back for hundreds of years unchanged. The father, using a bunsen burner, carefully blows the thin glass tubing to the desired shape, with the aid of an iron mold. His son acting as mold boy, removes the hot ornament to a cooling table. Next the mother silvers the inside, and finally the daughter applies paint and perhaps decorative designs.

## Christmas Rose Has Real Significance

Legend tells us that a young shepherd girl was weeping bitterly as she watched the Wise Men on their way to take gifts to the Christ Child.



An angel appeared, and after ascertaining why the young girl was crying, she waved her wand, and instantly the ground was carpeted with glittering white Christmas roses. The young girl quickly gathered these blooms. When she presented her gift, the Christ Child smiled, and as his fingers touched the white flowers the petals became tinged with pink.



This custom originated with the Dutch. They used their wooden shoes instead of stockings.

When the Dutch came to New Amsterdam, this custom came with them—the wooden shoes being gradually replaced by stockings made for the occasion out of nut-like materials. As nearly every home had a fireplace the usual place to hang the stockings was over the fireplace.

## Treating Trees To Preserve Needles

Dropping needles or leaves of Christmas trees, which strip the trees of color and litter the floor, long have been a Yuletide bane. Therefore, the discovery of the New York State College of Forestry that waterglass spray will prevent the spruce leaves from falling comes as welcome news to family and housewife alike.

Besides preserving the foliage, the waterglass spray adds to the decorative effect of the spruce by leaving a slight silver sheen to the green of the needle-like leaves. The waterglass also has been found to be a good fire retardant.

The college found that the shedding of spruce leaves also can be retarded by placing the base of the tree in a bucket of moist earth, peat moss or water. Users have reported the success of this treatment.

## Our Most Famous Christmas Trees

Most famous of the nation's Christmas trees are growing on the wooded rolling acres of the Roosevelt estate at Hyde Park, N. Y. Developed as a result of a hobby which occupied much of the late Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt's spare time, the groves of Yule trees now are scattered on odd patches and parcels of land throughout the estate.

The trees, about 270,000 in number, are principally of Norway spruce, white spruce and Douglas fir, with a few balsams also included.

Although the tree growing was a hobby with the late president, he insisted that the project pay its own way. Consequently about 2,000 to 3,000 trees are marketed every Christmas season.

Merry Christmas to all.



## A star in the sky

a light in the window, and hope in the heart! It's Christmas again, good folks of this community... the season when even strangers nod at you and smile. So we are sending you these wishes for Christmas cheer and happiness in your home.

Collins & Williams Electric Co.  
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## In This Joyous Season of Christmas

we want to renew all our old friendships, want each of you to feel your importance to us, and to realize that without you the story would have been quite different.

A very Merry Christmas to all of you, friendly people of this community!

LETCHER GROCERY CO  
WHITESBURG, KENTUCKY

## Christmas Visit to The Seven Fountains

In 1540 when a plague was raging in Switzerland, 12 pious men of Rheinfelden formed a brotherhood to pray for St. Sebastian's aid, and to nurse the sick and bury the dead. Pestilence in medieval times was ascribed to evil spirits in water, so the Brotherhood of St. Sebastian visited each of the town's seven fountains, praying and singing hymns at each stop. They still continue this custom, but only on Christmas Eve. For this ritual the 12 Brothers are dressed in black, with black silk top hats. At every fountain they gather around the lantern-bearer and sing a medieval song. The march begins at the Froeschweide fountain, where the plague is supposed to have started three centuries ago. When they have passed the seventh, they enter the church for midnight mass, and ceremonially place their lanterns on the altar of St. Sebastian.



Legend has it that when Christ was born and Satan died, the bells in the churches were rung. At exactly midnight the tolling changed to a joyful peal, announcing the birth of the Christ.

In the dark chambers high above the turmoil and strife of human life, dwell the Apostles of Peace, whose salutations were never so welcome as at the time of the great winter feasts of Christmas, so William Auld tells in his traditions.

## Quaint Swiss Custom Of Meeting Lover

Forecasting is ritualized in Switzerland. Grandma goes to the cellar, selects the most perfect onion, halves it, and peels 12 layers, one for each month. The next day these layers show what the weather will be during the coming year.

The daughter of the house goes about town at midnight to drink from nine different fountains. Then she goes to church. She expects to meet her unknown lover on the church steps.

Jackhorn, Ky.  
Dec. 1947.

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl nine years old. I go to school every day. I am in the third grade. Santa I want you to bring me a baby doll and a doll bed and a doll buggy and a Nurse set and a house coat and a pair of house shoes and a bingo set and a tea set and a sewing set and a doll chair and plenty of nuts and candy and not

forget the other little girls and boys.

Santa I hope you a Merry Christmas, from Audry Louise Cook. P. S.—Santa, don't forget my little cousins, Michael and Glenda Hall.

More than 63,000 different students have been trained at the University of Kentucky since its founding in 1865.

Merry Christmas to all.



## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND SEASON'S GREETINGS!

To our Faithful  
old friends  
and our valued new ones  
we send these  
greetings of the New Year.

CITY CAFE  
WHITESBURG, KENTUCKY



Santa is at the throttle and good fellowship  
has the right of way. Full speed ahead for the

## Merriest Christmas of them all!

Times have changed since we started business in this community many years ago, and we have seen a great many changes. But one thing always remains the same. We continue to serve in the best possible manner the very best people it is possible to serve. We could ask for no finer list of customers, no better group of friends.

And to all of you our entire organization wishes loads of good cheer and a genuine old-fashioned merry Christmas!



**Dr. Pepper Bottling Co.**  
Whitesburg, Kentucky



JUST IN TIME... Youngsters all over America will sleep with one eye open on Christmas Eve—if they are lucky they might see Santa's feet as he hurries on his way. Those youngsters arrived in time to hear, "Merry Christmas to all, and to all a goodnight."



To you and yours this Yuletide season,  
we extend our sincere good wishes  
for a Merry Christmas.

A Christmas of joy and contentment;  
of peace, good cheer and happiness—  
that is our wish for you.

this joyous holiday season.  
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• Now, when Santa Claus  
is so busy making  
children happy and  
dispensing cheer  
all over the world, we  
want to extend a warm  
and friendly greeting to  
our friends. Accept our  
very best wishes for a  
Christmas season of unal-  
loyed joy and happiness.

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FURNITURE COMPANY**  
Whittaker, Kentucky

### YULETIDE HOLIDAY

The snow is gently falling  
The children are gleefully calling  
Glad for the Yuletide holiday  
For now they can stay at home and  
play.

The year has been so terribly long  
Trying to be good and do no wrong  
Fearful lest St. Nick will pass them  
by.

They all breathe in unison a grateful  
sigh

It won't be long now they all say  
Till that wonderful wonderful  
Christmas Day.



• At Christmastime we greet good friends.

If 'neath our roof you've rested, come  
again and be refreshed. If you have  
never crossed our threshold, visit us in the  
months ahead. To one and all we say.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**FARMER SUPPLY CO.**  
WHITESBURG, KENTUCKY



### Breathitt Couple Die Of Food Poisoning

The shocking news that a Breathitt County mother and son lost their lives early in December by eating home canned vegetables poisoned by botulinus, caused general consternation. The persons who heard this news felt astonished that home canned food might cause serious illness and

even death. All who learned of this tragedy felt deep human sympathy over the needless death of a mother and son. There were some who thought fearfully, "This might have happened to me. I eat home canned vegetables. How can I tell if such food is safe?" A message of reassurance has been received from Mrs. Sarah Vance Dugan, Director

of the Division of Foods, Drugs and Hotels, State Department of Health of Kentucky. Mrs. Dugan says that people must not discard home canned vegetables, fearing that they may be poison. All that is necessary to assure safety from botulinus toxin poison is that the housewife open her can of vegetables, put them in an open saucepan and boil them rapidly for fifteen minutes. The germ which caused the calamity mentioned above, botulinus, only grows in the absence of air so they may be found in a well sealed jar or can. In the small quantity usually found in food this germ or the toxin it produces does not change the odor or taste of the food. Therein lies the danger. There is no obvious sign that the food is spoiled so the housewife may unsuspectingly serve it. It is therefore always a safe precaution to boil all home canned food for it requires only a very small amount of toxin to cause serious illness.

It is only the ignorant person who will avoid all home canned food fearing botulinus. One cannot afford to throw out valuable and nutritious food because of fear of this poison. Think of the long hours spent in growing, harvesting and preserving these vegetables; look at the cost of such food on the grocery shelf and one will hesitate to discard any food. Home canned food can be made safe by proper boiling before eating it.

"Commercially canned food," Mrs. Dugan said, "are practically one hundred percent safe from this poison." Based on careful research commercial canners process food under heat and pressure by method that has been found to destroy all botulinus germs. It is only the person who is not possible to heat food sufficiently to assure their complete destruction unless pressure canning methods are used with a definite canning period and accurate temperature measurement.

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ROVER WAITS FOR CHRISTMAS. . . He knows that Santa is not going to fail him, and that before long the genial saint will drop down the chimney and leave presents for all good boys, girls and dogs.

### New Organizations

#### Get Underway For Relief To World

More than a score of leading national organizations with branches in nearly every American community are today mapping plans for participation in a world-wide program to bring relief to hungry children in all parts of the world.

Organization leaders, meeting in New York for a "Mobilization of Leadership for World Needs," heard firsthand reports on conditions abroad from journalists and other observers recently returned from abroad, who reported that the effects of today's widespread malnutrition would be felt by the world in generations to come. Chester Bowles, chairman of the International Advisory Committee of the United Nations, reported that about 239,000,000 children in Europe and Asia do not get enough to eat for normal growth. He said that, to date, the people of nearly 30 countries, including the United States, were attempting to save these children with emergency shipments of foods and medicines.

Lee Marshall of New York, national chairman of American Overseas Aid-United Nations Appeal for Children, said this American federation has been formed to give the American people an opportunity to do "something personal and something concrete" toward aiding distressed children. The AOA-UNAC leader said \$60,000,000 was needed for vital work through 1949.

Clinton P. Anderson, U. S. Secretary of Agriculture, a speaker at the mobilization meeting, urged widespread support for the campaign to be conducted by AOA-UNAC, declaring that time and money devoted to it will be "well spent." Other speakers at the meetings included Mrs. Maurice T. Moore, a member of the AOA-UNAC board and noted civic leader; Miss Katherine Lenroot, director of the U. S. Children's Bureau; John K. McCaffery, editor and NBC commentator; Thomas J. Hamilton and Gordon Hamilton, newsmen; James S. Adams, resident of Standard Brick Co., Inc.; Mrs. Ambrose Diehl of the Federation of Women's Clubs; Mrs. Narciso Ramos noted Philippine leader; Albert Linton, Philadelphia insurance executive and Mr. Eunice Carter of the National Council of Negro Women.

### First Baptist Church

Marion E. Parker, Pastor  
Sunday School ..... 9:45  
"God's Eternal Rule" Read  
Lesson for December 28:  
Revelation 21:1-7, 22:1-7  
Morning Worship ..... 10:50  
Sermon Topic: "The Joy of Suffering"  
Training Union ..... 6:00  
Evening Worship ..... 7:00  
Sermon Topic: "Feeding the

### Winter Transplanting Of Trees

Transplanting of trees during the winter, provided the ground is not frozen too deeply, is recommended by W. E. Jackson, Extension forester of the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture and Home Economics.

Trees, he says, may be safely transplanted in fall and spring or "there is no better time of the year to transplant trees than right now up until the ground freezes to some depth." "Trees transplanted during the fall and early winter season, become better established in the soil during the dormant period of the winter months and the tree roots are ready to start feeding and growing in the spring season when they start to put out buds and new

wood. "There is an added advantage in fall tree planting, especially on the farm. This is due to the fact that usually there is greater activity in farm work during the spring months and if tree planting is postponed until this time, tree planting work is slighted or is not done at all.

"There is also a better selection of tree varieties at the nursery and fall tree orders can be filled to a greater satisfaction of the planter. "Seeding trees of several varieties, both hard wood and conifers, can be secured from the State Tree Nursery for fall planting.

"Order forms for securing trees from the State Nursery may be secured at the county agent's office or by writing the Experiment Station."

### OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mark

#### INCENTIVES TO PROGRESS

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Year after year we have been wishing our friends a Merry Christmas, each year hoping to make our message a little warmer, a little more personal.

It is with some such thought as this that we now add this "Merry Christmas" to the many that have gone before, with the hope that it will find you abundantly blessed with everything that the magic wand of Christmas can bestow.



Coca-Cola Bottling Works  
Whitesburg, Kentucky

## JENKINS NEWS

—Lee Sizemore—

Friday evening, Mrs. Tuck Hunter, Betty Lee Smedley Linsley, Jr., entertained at her home on High Street with a party honoring Miss Lenore Bowling, bride-elect of Bill Burroughs of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The Christmas theme was carried out in the decoration of the home. Individual tables were centered with Santa Claus candles. A Christmas tree and evergreen twigs filled the house with the Christmas spirit.

A salad course of chicken salad, crackers, potato chips and olives was served, as the guests wore clever bits of advice to the couple in booklets prepared for that purpose. Cakes, mints and nuts were enjoyed while games were played. High prize for the evening went to Wallace Williams and low prize to Jane Hunter.

Miss Bowling wore black crepe with red sequin, the King and Queen, Carls Williams' gift to the honoree, and La Von Burke. Eight senior girls in formal dresses escorted and later served as escorts for the King and Queen.

Assisting Mrs. Tinsley were Mrs. Cecil Hotzclaw and Miss Gertrude Gambill. Guests were Mr. Roger L. Wilson, principal of the high school, serv-

ed as master of ceremonies and kept the large audience in good humor throughout the evening's entertainment.

The audience was invited to stand and sing "O Come All Ye Faithful" as the concluding part of the "Christmas" selection. Every one left the theater with a strong feeling that it is great to live in a country where people follow and believe in "Peace on earth and good will toward man."

The Jenkins school presented its annual Christmas program on Friday night, Dec. 19, in the JHS auditorium. The program was as follows:

"Christmas Welcome" — First Grade, under the direction of Miss Botto — Second Grade — Mrs. Brown, "What Mother Goose Children Want for Christmas" — Mrs. Davis, "Mrs. Wright's third and fourth grade 'What is Christmas'" — Fourth Grade — Miss Chewning (also "What is Christmas") Fifth Grade — "Christmas Decorations and Elves" Miss Whitaker.

Sixth Grade — "North Pole Dance" — Mrs. Yonts.

Seventh Grade — "Santa Claus Dance" — Mrs. Snapp.

Eighth and Ninth Grade — "Christmas Candle" — Mrs. Snapp.

The main event for the evening was the Junior play which was directed by Miss Nella Bailey, by the title of "Room for a King." — The cast consisted of: Russell Johnson Ernest White, Elmer Pritchard, Joseph De Simone, Peggy Conley, Patricia Mink, Wanda Burke, Mary Lee Riddle, Jeannette, Billie Bryant, Robert Varson, Clifford Honeycutt, Gerald Green, Earl Hensley, Rodney Gallion and Edmond Anderson.

Very delightful Christmas music was supplied by the all girl chorus of JHS under the direction of Miss Lois Cooper. The chorus girls are: Mildred Davidson, Jean Tucker, Jackie Bartley, Lavonna Mullins, Priscilla James, Margaret Mullins, Ruth Coffee, Dorsey Tackett, Ruth Tackett, Wanda Childrean, Marvis McIntosh, Margaret, Ileen Collier, Nancy James, Juanita Trivette, Anna Ruth Minor and Wilma Minor.

Mr. Dave Corbin spent the week-end in his home town, Prestonsburg, visiting his family and friends.

Miss Helene Esmont was shopping in Pikeville Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Pope and Ray Russell were shopping in Bristol Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Chestfield Jenkins, have been visiting Dr. and Mrs. Robert Boock, of Louisville.

Miss Ella Bevins, Jenkins and Mr. V. C. Edwards, Los Angeles, California, were married Saturday, Dec. 20 at Wise Va., the couple went to Lexington for a few days. They plan to live in Huntington, Mr. Edwards is with the Fairchild Survey Engineers and Miss Bevins is an employee at the Recreation Hotel.

Miss Virginia Gamble was visiting friends in Bristol over the week end.

The marriage of Blanche Countiss, daughter of Ewen J. Countiss, and Wilmer Donahue, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arvil Donahue was solemnized Saturday afternoon, December 20th, by Reverend Pettus in the chapel of the Methodist Church at Jenkins. A double ring ceremony was performed. Oris Conley served as best man and Margaret Wright, cousin of the bride, served as maid of honor. The bride was attired in a grey suit with black and aqua accessories and her corsage was of orchids. The only attendants were relatives of the bride. The couple left after the wedding to touring North Carolina and Georgia.

Miss Betty Arnett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Logan Arnett Jenkins, and Mr. Don Smith, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Smith were married in Seco, Ky., Saturday, Dec. 13, The

Arnette's parents, couple plan to live with Miss

Home for Christmas vacation from many different schools are: Betty Lou Smedley, Mary Lou Bentley, But Wassum, Jr., Tommy Stone, George Fugate, Joe Davis, Jr., Jack Chewning all from U. K. Nancy Jean Brown, Eastern, Jack Frantz, Notre Dame, Jimmy Mullins at Paul Varson VPI Jack Brummet VMI.

Walter Sherbert is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sherbert.

Mrs. Warren Yonts honored her son, Neil, with a birthday party on Friday Dec. 19, at her home on High Street.

The following guests were: Johnny Branham, Rose Mary Brown, Larry Park, Winston and Carol Whitaker, Ella Mae Estes, Sandra Turner, Rida Orr, Sarah and Barbara Russell, Sue Ann Pope, Carol, David and Philip Davis, Diana Sue Yonts, D. A. Yonts, and Ched Pack.

The children had a very enjoyable time playing different games.

After the party each child was given a Santa Claus boot full of lollie pops and an animal balloon.

## Stuart Robinson School Highlights

The Elementary School and high school, were dismissed at 9:00 o'clock, Friday, Dec. 19, for a two weeks' Christmas vacation.

Letcher County Teachers Organization met at Stuart Robinson School December 12th.

A delicious banquet was served under the supervision of Mrs. C. C. Clark.

The tables were beautifully decorated with the Christmas season. Each person had a sprig of mistletoe which they were glad to pin on their coats.

"White Christmas" was sung by Norma Jean Sergeant, Christine Minard, Sue Combs, and Joyce Ann Shockley. They also sang "Silent Night" with Joyce Ann doing a solo part. They were accompanied by Mrs. Hazel H. Whitaker. "Is There a Santa Claus" was given by Patsy Ruth Back.

The organization voted to send Mr. Myrel Brown to the Christmas Folk Game School at Berea under the direction of Mr. Smith.

After the banquet a very enjoyable program of Folk Games was directed by Mr. W. L. Cooper in the gym.

All parted with happy faces because of the good time they had.

The Stuart Robinson Eagles met the River Side Ramblers at River Side, December 16, 1947, at 3:00 P. M. With Jack Caudill racking up 24 points and the other players doing their share, the game ended with the Stuart Robinson Eagles 66 and the Ramblers 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Minard were visitors on the campus this week. They came with Dr. J. O. Van Meter, the president of Lees College, Jackson, December 14. Before they were married Mrs. Minard was Miss Francis Bradshaw, a teacher at Stuart Robinson School.

## Christmas

Christmas means a lot to a lot of people, to be with your family, the ones you love, to go to church and to eat a good meal, to open packages and exchange gifts. They seem simple things but think how you would miss them if you didn't have them. Do you remember when you believed in Santa Claus and hung up your stockings and how pretty the Christmas tree was when you first saw it after Santa had put the gifts around it? We hope you all enjoy all those things this Christmas.

## NEW in the WORLD of RELIGION

BY M. W. BEID

More than a million copies of a "Christmas Meditation" written during World War II, by Dr. T. C. Chao, of the Yenching University School of Theology, Peiping, China, while a prisoner in the hands of the Japanese, have been distributed in Methodist churches in America. They are being used in Christmas services in many churches. Dr. Chao's English translation of his Chinese original reads:

"Nature is conquered, While man is not tamed; Pride and avarice hold sway, To make wars in the world, While here below man worships in heaven, He prepares himself evil, self-sacrifice,

To give life for conquest of sin.

To be the Word Incarnate in order to die... Lord, have mercy on me, Thy Unworthy follower, That, imprisoned as I am, I may imitate Thy way, In tears falling heavily, not for me but for the world. But all who have need of Thee."

"For Christians who understand the real significance of Christmas, there is no reason for discouragement," says Bishop Henry St. George Tucker, of Virginia. "Even on the humblest of us, the war has been a victory in our lives that we mean to achieve."

of peace but rather opportunity to win it. As Christians we know that only through Him whose entry into human life we celebrate on Christmas Day can we win a peace which is worthy of the name. The peace which we have at present is the kind that the world giveth. Christmas, however, brings us the assurance that in and through Christ we can transform this imperfect peace into that peace on earth which is promised to men of good will."

More than 500 clergymen, educators and civic leaders from every part of the country have petitioned President Truman to declare a general amnesty for conscientious objectors and others who failed to adhere to the "draft" laws, including the large numbers of members of Jehovah's Witnesses. They ask that they be pardoned before Christmas, and that citizenship be restored to those already released from prisons. More than 700 objectors, they point out, are still in federal prisons and thousands are without citizenship two years after the end of the war. The signers, members of the Committee for Amnesty, say, "It is an injury to the cause of democracy and the prestige of our nation that men who suffered for conscience sake should at this date still be imprisoned and deprived of previous rights."



BY EWING GALLOWAY

Communities, like individuals, lose their self-respect when they become beggars.

Sending delegations of persuasive citizens to Washington or Frankfort to beg money to pay for civic improvements that a community ought to pay for by popular subscription or by taxation may have a gloss of respectability, but in the last analysis it is unbecoming. And it lowers community morale just as surely as panhandling lowers the morale of an individual. Maybe I am treating the subject rather bluntly. If you think so after reading this little essay, write a letter to the paper, telling wherein I am wrong.

In the last dozen years community self-reliance has sagged considerably. Cities and towns have gone to Washington for money to pay for things they should have paid for themselves. And they have been encouraged in their begging by the national government. The Federal government has even furnished money to help pay the salaries of policemen and firemen. And the result has been not only a weakening of community self-reliance but a drift toward centralization of political power that is contrary to the principles on which the framework of county and municipal

government was written into the constitutions of the nation and of the states.

Maybe the tuncup evil will have to be cured both at the top and the bottom. I don't profess to know as ure-fire remedy. But it is obvious that if the people want to strengthen their self-reliance they must do things for themselves.

Signs of improvement are showing in some towns and counties already. Greentown created a recreation center. The people went down into their jeans and got the money to pay for the land. Hopkinsville is going to pay for a public swimming pool by popular subscription. Carrollton is raising funds to pay for a new hospital. In the next few weeks you will hear about other community projects that are to be paid for by the people themselves.

And you can bet your boots that every community that pays for its own civic improvement will start a second project within a year. It will have gone a long way toward strengthening its civic morale. Figurative tin cups will go to rubbish dumps and the people will be so thrilled by renewed confidence in their ability to handle their own local problems.

## Farmer's Income

At Record High Washington, Dec. 18 — The nation's farmers earned about \$30,000,000,000 in cash this year the Agricultural Department reported today.

Receipts from farm products were estimated at \$30,000,000,000 or 19 per cent more than last year.

Government payments — largely for carrying out soil conservation practices — totaled about \$340,000,000, a reduction of about 60 per cent from last year when subsidies were paid to encourage production of dairy products, beef cattle,

sheep and lambs.

Farmer's gross income was estimated at \$34,600,000,000, or about 20 per cent above last year. Gross income included cash receipts and the value of farm products consumed on the farm and the rental value of farm dwellings.

Production expenses were estimated at about \$16,000,000,000. Deducting expenses from gross income farmers realized a net income of about \$18,600,000,000, or about 20 per cent more than last year.

It is estimated that 47 per cent of all rural highways in the United States are surfaced.

## PCA Launches Henry Wallace For President

New York, Dec. 17 — A movement to nominate former vice president Henry A. Wallace for President on an independent ticket in the 1948 election was formally launched today by the Progressive Citizens of America and echoed in Chicago by numerous leaders of the Progressive party.

There were strong indications however, the intra party movement might result in a wide split in "liberal forces."

Wallace was not available for comment on the situation. Dr. Frank Kingdon PCA co-chairman and candidate for the New Jersey Democratic Senatorial nomination, resigned his PCA post as a result of the announcement urging Wallace to run and said in a folly to attempt an independent statement that it "would be a defeat campaign."

Resignation of Michael M. Nisselson president of the Amalgamated Bank, as PCA treasurer also was reported but he was not available for comment and his office authorized a statement that "source close to Mr. Nisselson say there are no policy differences between him and PCA."

The clothing workers union has been on record as opposing a third party in the 1948 campaign and reports in New York and Albany have said that the union would quit if it should back Wallace on an independent ticket.

Louis Hollander head of the New York State CIO and another officer of the Amalgamated said he had initiated discussions among CIO leaders and would call a meeting of the state CIO executive committee within the next few days. Hollander said the CIO undoubtedly would oppose the third party movement.

While making it clear, that he was not criticizing Wallace Kingdon said in his statement that "this is not a simple independent ticket. On the contrary most of them will actively even bitterly, oppose such a ticket."

Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Campbell

Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Campbell were hosts to the following at the Eagle Dining room Saturday night: Mr. and Mrs. Woodford Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Pollock Fields, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Potter, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Bentley, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Fields, Mr. and Mrs. Don Brown, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Clay, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Setzer.

Turkey with all the trimmings were served and they enjoyed the eating also. Singing of Christmas carols after the meal. The food was served by Mrs. Bertha Campbell, hostess of the Eagle Dining room.

## Farmer's Future

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ONE OF THE FIRST official acts of Governor Earle Clements after he had been sworn in as Chief Executive was signing a proclamation urging Kentuckians to donate liberally to the 1948 March of Dimes. January 15-30. With him is Nancy Derry, 2533 Rowan, Louisville, national poster girl for the 1947 March of Dimes.

## PROCLAMATION

BY THE  
GOVERNOR  
OF THE

## Commonwealth of Kentucky

To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

WHEREAS, infantile paralysis again struck this nation heavily last year, taking a toll of thousands, mostly young children, and,

WHEREAS, in the past five years some 80,000 Americans have been stricken with infantile paralysis, among them, 1,212 Kentuckians, and,

WHEREAS, the 1948 March of Dimes—January 15-30 is the sole financial support of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, and the Kentucky Chapter's work in Kentucky, and,

WHEREAS, during the past decade the National Foundation, and the Kentucky Chapter, serving every county in the Commonwealth have prosecuted vigorously our fight against infantile paralysis, and provided prompt and adequate medical care and treatment of infantile paralysis patients regardless of age, race, creed, or color, and,

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Chapter is working in close coordination with existing official agencies, the Kentucky Chartered Children Commission, Kentucky State Board of Health, and the Medical and Nursing Profession, and,

WHEREAS, through the National Foundation's great humanitarian endeavors fear has been replaced by hope, panic by knowledge, and thousands of children have had restored the priceless gift of motion,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Earle C. Clements, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby call upon all residents of Kentucky to join wholeheartedly and give liberally during the two weeks January 15-30, in making the 1948 March of Dimes the most successful in history and the fight against this dread disease can be pressed more vigorously than ever.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 9th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty seven, and in the year of the Commonwealth the one hundred fifty sixth.

(s) Earle C. Clements

EARLE C. CLEMENTS, Governor





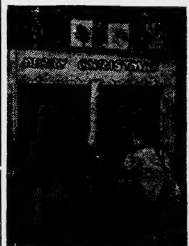
**While angels hovered overhead,**  
the Star of Bethlehem guided  
the Three Wise Men  
to the Manger at Bethlehem.  
We cannot offer you their gifts  
of gold, frankincense and myrrh.  
Our gift must be restricted  
to the old, but heartfelt wish  
for all the joys and blessings  
of the Yuletide season.

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### Christmas Held Twice Yearly

If children instead of their parents were allowed to choose the family home, the tiny fishing village of Rodanthe, N. C., would become a metropolis overnight. Here's a place they celebrate two Christmases every year.

Santa Claus, his reindeer scampering over the sands of North Carolina's outer banks, makes his first stop in Rodanthe during his annual world tour on the night of December 24. Hardly have the children recovered from their oversupply of candy and wild duck when Santa returns in time for "Old Christmas," which for hundreds of years Rodantheans have celebrated on January 5. This time, however, Santa is accompanied by a menacing ogre, known as "Old Buck,"



who takes care of the bad children while Santa administers to the good. The historical background of "Old Christmas" is uncertain. It may be a throwback to the Gregorian calendar or it may have started as a celebration of the Twelfth Night—when the wise men came to Bethlehem bearing gifts for the Christ child—but somehow got off schedule a day. Elsewhere the Twelfth Night is celebrated on January 6. But those celebrations are far different from Rodanthe's "Old Christmas," which only in recent years has been supplemented by the observance of December 25.

### Abbreviation, Xmas Of Greek Origin

There has been much unfavorable comment on the abbreviated form for Christmas that is commonly used. Many think it inappropriate and unsuited to use the shortened form, Xmas. The explanation of its origin is that the initial letter of the Greek name for Christ is X and the coincidence of its cruciform shape led to an early adoption of this letter as the figure and symbol of Christ. X is frequently found on walls of the catacombs. When the early Christians wished to make a representation of the Trinity, they would place either a cross or an X beside the names of the Father and the Holy Spirit. From this came the shortened form Xmas, instead of Christmas.



One man — one of many — created a character who in child-like faith and all-embracing love will live through the centuries as the symbol of Christmas.

The man was Charles Dickens; his character was Tiny Tim. And in the words of Tiny Tim, oft-repeated, we'd like to say:

**"A MERRY CHRISTMAS,  
GOD BLESS US EVERY ONE"**

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Seco, Ky.,  
12-11-47.

Dear Santa:

I'll write you but I'm afraid it's not much use for I have been a very naughty boy in a way, then come to think of it Mom couldn't get along without me. I carry in coal and kindling and feed my dog and help water and feed the ponies and sometimes I go to the store for Mama and here is some of my naughty faults: I hit Del-

mer over the eye yesterday with a hammer, cut up Grandpa's plough lines with my knife. Hissed the dog on the school kids and stub up on my Daddy. And won't eat. But I'll try to do better from now on. I am 15 years young and as you know can't talk, so bring me a tool kit, truck, a big long rope, some pretty socks, a shirt and just anything you think I should have.  
—Elmer Cook.

Jackhorn, Ky.,

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl seven years old. I go to school every day I am in the first grade. Santa I want you to bring me a baby doll and a doll bed and a doll buggy and a Nurse Set and sewing set and a house coat and tea set and pair of house shoes and doll chair and plenty of nuts and candy don't forget my little brother, Can Martin Hall.



WITH PEACE AND PROSPERITY, WE SHOULD ALL BE HAPPIER  
THAN EVER THIS YEAR. DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON,  
LET'S TRY TO FORGET OUR CARES. FOR OUR PART, WE WANT  
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RECEIVING, BY WISHING YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS—THE

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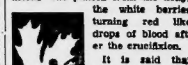


The poinsettia has no Christmas legend and its adoption as a symbol or decoration for Christmas is of recent origin. In Spain it is known as the flor de noche-buena, and is connected with the sentiment of Christmas.

Its beautiful flaming star is one of the favorite flowers of the Christmas season, and its use as an indoor decoration is universal.

### Legends of Holly

Many beliefs are connected with the Christmas holly. Legends relate that the crown of thorns was plaited from the holly,



the white berries turning red like drops of blood after the crucifixion.

It is said that whoever brings the holly into the house first, either husband or wife, is the one who will rule in the ensuing year.

### Reduce Christmas Hazards With Care

To avoid tragic Christmas accidents in the home, the Fire Protection Institute issues these precautionary tips:

—Use a flame-proof compound to spray wreaths and other pine decorations.

—Use materials marked flame-proof for tree trimmings and home decorations if they are obtainable.

—Inspect Christmas tree lights, and repair frayed wires or loose sockets.

—Never leave Christmas lights burning unless someone is around.

—Never unwrap gifts near an open fire or flickering flame. Dispose of paper and other inflammable wrappings immediately.

Merry Christmas to all.



● We wish we could send a gift to each of you in appreciation of your confidence and friendliness during the past year. Instead, however, we must content ourselves with extending the simple wish that you may enjoy the best life has to offer now and in the months to come.

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"For unto you, is born this day, in the City of David, a Saviour which is, Christ, the Lord."  
—Luke 2—11.

As Christmas time approaches,  
I think of Bethlehem.  
And of a babe born in a manger,  
Because, there was no room, for Him.

To a low, and humble, manger,  
The Son of God, came down.  
Bright Angels sang glad praises,  
While glory shone around.

There was no room for the Saviour,  
In a manger was His bed.  
He was wrapped in, swaddling clothes,  
There was no pillow for His head.

A bright star led wise men,  
To where the young child lay,  
That star still guides His people  
Still lights the Pilgrim's way.

It shone around the shepherds,  
As they watched their flock that night,  
While angels sang His praises,  
Clothed in, garments bright.

They sang, "Glory in the highest  
On earth, peace, good will to men,"  
A heavenly host all singing  
Over the town, off Bethlehem.

In Bethlehem of Judea,  
That night so long ago,  
Was born, our Lord and Saviour,  
Laid, in a manger, low.

O: Precious, glorious, tidings,  
A Saviour was born,  
In the City of King David,  
One bright, and glorious morn.

In the Inn was, no room for Him,  
There seems no room today,  
In the hearts of the people,  
They are, turning Him, away.

I like to think of Bethlehem,  
Town of my Saviour's birth.  
I like to think of the new, tomb,  
Where, he rose, from, the earth.

—REBECCA JONES.  
Christmas — 1947.

On this, the nineteen hundred and forty-seventh anniversary of the birth of Christ, let each American rededicate himself to faith in God—faith in this great nation of ours—faith in his fellowmen—and faith in himself. In these confusing times, let us remember that the foundation of our country was laid on Christian precepts, faith, courage, foresight, and freedom from tyranny. Let us, then, on this natal day of our Redeemer, pray for His guidance that we may have strength, courage, and understanding to carry on the faith of our fathers.

## Ukrainians Hold To Many Old Customs

Ukrainian churches, both Greek Orthodox and Uniate, cling to the ancient Julian calendar, so their Christmas Day comes 12 days later than ours, or on January 6. Christmas Eve is celebrated with much traditional ceremony and festivity. The Holy Supper or Sviata Wechra is very elaborate, consisting of 12 courses, in memory of the 12 apostles. Fish, baked, broiled and jellyed, takes the place of meat. Borsch, or beet soup, is generally served, and stuffed cabbage, filled with millet or rice. Varenik, some-



thing like the Italian ravioli, also is a usual course. Dessert consists of special pudding called kutya, made of wheat, poppy seeds and honey.

During the Christmas Eve supper, some member of every Ukrainian family throws a handful of kutya or pudding at the ceiling. If it sticks, the coming year will be a prosperous and happy one. After supper, a plate of braided bread, called kolach, is left on the table between two lighted candles. Legend says that the spirits of the family's dead will return at midnight to eat this bread.

The Ukrainian Christmas festival lasts three days. In the villages singers known as Kolyadniki go from house to house singing the Kolyadky folk songs relating the birth of Christ and the events of his life. They usually carry a manger with them, and in some cases they perform miracle plays. They are rewarded by gifts of food or money.



In the Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England, the prayer for the last Sunday before Advent began with the words "Stir up." The people of Peterborough took this to be a reminder that they should start their plum pudding at that time, and everybody in the family took a hand in the stirring until it was ready on Christmas.

This indispensable old-time English Christmas dish was formerly, or frummenty, which according to old-time recipes was "wheat boiled until the grains burst, then strained and boiled again with broth or milk and yolks of eggs." Frummenty was the forerunner to plum pudding.

## Alms Giving Custom A Christmas Charity

Giving alms at Christmas originated in the belief that the Christ came sometimes to the door disguised as a beggar during the holiday season, and the fear that he might be turned away unrecognized. There is an old legend that tells of the Christ child going from door to door on Christmas Eve in search of those who were kind, and deserving. His test was to plead for aid and often he was turned away from the door. This story led to alms giving on Christmas Eve and it was rare that a beggar was refused.



Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep Their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep; To whom God's angels did appear, Which put the shepherds in great fear. "Prepare and go," the angels said, "To Bethlehem, he not afraid; For there you'll find this happy morn, A princely babe, sweet Jesus born."



Merry Christmas to all.

# Merry Christmas

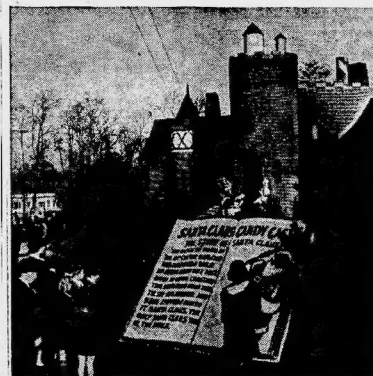
Gay with sincerity and brightness are our gala Christmas wishes for you and yours. May this Holiday be the finest ever. May your New Year be the happiest in all the world.

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## Associated With Many Christmas Symbols



HOME FOR SANTA CLAUS . . . Many cities in the United States, even those which do not have names associated with Christmas symbols, erect Santa Claus villages during the holiday seasons.

EACH year, thousands of letters in the U. S. are mailed from Bethlehem—Bethlehem, Pa.; Bethlehem, Md.; Bethlehem, Conn.; and Bethlehem, N. H. These towns were named many, many years ago, and imaginative Americans the country over send in letters to be remailed bearing the symbolic postmark of Bethlehem.

The story associated with the naming of Bethlehem, Pa., is especially moving. On Christmas Eve in 1741, it is said, Moravian pioneers who had come to the new world in search of religious freedom gathered in a log cabin in the snow-swept Pennsylvania countryside. Thankful for their new refuge, they sang carols joyfully; then Nicholas Louis, Count Zinzendorf, took up a taper and led the gathering into the stables where a few cows and horses stood.

"Let us call our village also Bethlehem," he said, and all agreed. From a humble beginning over 200 years ago, Bethlehem, Pa., is now a thriving industrial city of 25,000.

Santa Claus also has been honored in the naming of American cities. The story of the christening of Santa Claus, Ind., contains an awesome note in keeping with Christmas Eve. The government had turned down the request of a little settlement in southern Indiana 100 years ago because an older town in the state bore the same name of Santa Fe. As the villagers gathered in celebration of Christmas Eve, they perceived a new name, finding such suggestion unsuitable as they turned it over in their minds in order to select the right one.

In the midst of their deliberations, a blinding light was seen outside. Rushing to the window, they saw a flaming star crash against a distant hill, leaving a crater that still can be seen today.

Awe-struck by the spectacle, the residents of the settlement considered the event as a special omen, and they gave their community the name of Santa Claus to commemorate Christmas.

## The Latest In Inventions

Arlington, N. J. Dec. 14 — Development of fire-resistant paneling that protects human flesh within one inch of fire 2,200 degrees hot was announced today.

Expected to reduce aviation fire hazards substantially and to have many other uses, the new panels are made of specially treated Du Pont "Strap" cellular cellulose acetate plastic sandwiched between sheets of extremely thin (0.006 inch) carbon steel. Test panels are one quarter inch thick. They are so light, less than a pound per square foot, that a small child could lift a large section, yet they have the strength to support the weight of a large man.

Civil Aeronautics Authority specifications for airplane firewalls require material to withstand applied heat of 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit for a period of 15 minutes. In official tests, the new steel and plastic paneling withstood applied heat in excess of 2,260 degrees Fahrenheit for more than 30 minutes.

At the end of the test period the hand could still be held comfortably less than an inch

from the panel on the side opposite from the fire.

Further unofficial tests have shown the paneling stands up after more than an hour of exposure to a 2,000-degree flame.

An idea of the intense heat withstood by the panel can be obtained by comparing it to the temperature of the hottest cooking oven, which is about 550 degrees F.

An interesting sidelight on the construction of the panel is that the plastic core material, cellulose acetate, is not fire-resistant, being classified as slow-burning. In this application, however, as a result of special treatment by the Skydine Corporation of Fort Jervis, N. J. developers of the paneling, the plastic, on exposure to heat, forms parchment-like layers. These layers act as a heat barrier.

The panels also insulate against noise.

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The Skydine Corporation has pioneered sandwich construction for aircraft structures and airborne equipment. It will market the material under the name of "Pyroply."

Although the new paneling is intended initially for the aircraft industry,

## IN BOTTLES AND AT FOUNTAINS



Pepsi-Cola Company, Long Island City, N. Y.

WASP-KENTUCKY BEVERAGE COMPANY, Hazard, Ky.



## State Motorists Pay Heavy Taxes

Louisville, Dec. 15 — The state and federal governments have collected \$253.50 from the average Kentucky motorist in taxes on the gasoline he has used in the automobile he now owns, according to Eugene Stuart, secretary-manager of the Louisville Automobile Club.

Mr. Stuart based this figure on a recent survey made by the Crowell-Collier Publishing Company, New York, which found that the speedometers on cars in communities of over 2,500 population registered an average of 58,000 miles. The \$253.50 figure does not in-

clude state automobile registration fees, it was pointed out. The survey, according to Mr. Stuart, shows that the average car is a 1940 model. "But he explained 'this is no way means that new car purchases are stopping into a bright shiny vehicle that is uncumbered by taxes. At present rates of taxation the new car purchaser has to pay out \$112.05 in special taxes before he can shift gears. Of this amount \$70 represents the average of taxes paid to the federal government, tires tubes account for another \$4.50 in taxes, the state charges an average of \$37.50 in the three per cent license tax and an average of \$42.22 to register it.

## Christmas With the Pioneers Held Deep Religious Meaning

CHRISTMAS on the frontier, as new bands of pioneers pushed ever westward to carve an empire of virgin plains and wildernesses, was in marked contrast to the present holiday.

There was more meaning then in the words of The Book concerning shepherds in a certain country watching their flocks by night. The solitude, the closeness of the stars, the virginity of the new world and its humble people made one feel that time had stood still. Christmas in those days somehow seemed much closer to that first Christmas.

Those bleak plains could be the ones the Wise Men crossed, this the Night and yon sleeping village, Bethlehem. The faith of the trail breakers was that of the Wise Men.

On Christmas Eve the pioneer folks would gather in a crude little church or schoolhouse where children recited their pieces and sang

or a calico doll from Santa Claus. But that doll, made from spare strips of bright cloth, probably was more treasured than any modern doll that can say "Mama," go to sleep and perhaps require a diaper.

Children who received a slate pencil or a shellbox, a little affair covered with shells and containing a small mirror, were the special favorites of Santa.

For goodies, no Christmas was complete without its pans of popcorn and ropes of molasses taffy. In rare cases there might be a bag of candy.

IN THE isolated cabins it wasn't so easy to gather with one's neighbors to celebrate. There were

solitudes in the timber and being caught in a sudden storm on the pioneer trails spelled death.

Christmas in some places meant a bobbed ride or perhaps a square



songs about the birth of the Christ Child. Santa would hand out meek-to-bar sacks of candy, a golden orange or an apple to each one, and childhood rapture would melt that messer offering truly a gift of gold and frankincense.

HOME-MADE sleds and sleighs skimmed over the snowy countryside with sleigh bells jingling accompaniment to the caroling of "Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells."

Except in the forest regions, few children enjoyed the sight of a Christmas tree. But always they hung up their stockings, an old custom of their forefathers.

It was a lucky boy who awoke Christmas morning to find a new jack-knife in his stocking; a lucky girl who received a string of beads

and, often followed by a turkey dinner costing 25 cents.

Gifts, if any, generally were in the form of utilitarian mittens, mufflers or home-made boots. For the women there might be a piece of intricate handwork to which some enterprising friend had devoted her spare time for months.

Throughout the holiday season a candle burned in the attic window, guiding late-faring travelers to shelter the Star of Bethlehem on the frontier.

But within these hardy folks had as much fun as their great-grandsons and daughters who again this year will celebrate by exchanging elaborate gifts, dancing to name bands, feasting with no worries that tomorrow there may be nothing in the electric refrigerator.

## A Christmas Prayer

This Day of Joy

As with gladness men of old  
Did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed the light,  
Leading onward, beaming bright;  
So, most gracious Lord, may we  
Evermore be led to Thee.



As with joyous steps they sped  
To that lowly manger bed,  
There to bend the knee before  
Him whom heaven and earth adore;  
So may we with willing feet  
Ever seek thy mercy seat.



As they offered gifts most rare  
At that manger rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy,  
Pure, and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costly treasures bring,  
Christ, in Thee, our heavenly King.



Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Holbrook of Neon announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruth Carmen of Petersburg, Va., to Mr. Joel Gibson Andrews, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Gibson Andrews of Ettrick, Va. The wedding will take place at Petersburg in January.

### Standified-Lewis Wedding

At the First Baptist Church on Thursday, December 4th, at 10 a. m. Miss Ethel Standified, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Standified, became the bride of Mr. Emery Fulton Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lewis, the Rev. Marion Parker, officiating in the single ring ceremony. Miss Joan Lewis, sister of the groom, played a medley of marital music. The bride was attired in a brown gabardine suit

with brown accessories, and her shoulder corsage was an orchid. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Lewis left for a short honeymoon in central Kentucky. Both the bride and groom are graduates of Whitesburg High School. He served two years in the Navy after taking a year's training with the V-12 program at Berea College. He is employed at Lewis Wholesale Company.

### Ky. Legislators Will Address Farm Bureau Convention in January

Senator John Sherman Cooper, Congressman Virgil Chapman and Congressman Jerry Voorhis, headline the speakers to appear on the annual convention program of the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation scheduled for Jan. 7-9 at the Brown Hotel, Louisville.

Close behind them will be such notables as Wilfred Shaw, Chicago, American Farm Bureau secretary; H. E. Slusher, Jefferson City, Mo., Missouri Farm Bureau president; O. R. Long, Columbia Tenn., Tennessee Farm Bureau Secretary and Mrs. Charles W. Sewell, Chicago, administrative director. Associated Women of American Farm Bureau. Still others are Dr. Herman L. Donovan, Lexington, University of Kentucky president; Dr. Thomas P. Cooper, Dean of the college of Agriculture; Harry W. Schacter, Louisville, Committee for Kentucky president; Clarence Miller, Shelbyville, and Hewel Blair, Bowling Green.

A new innovation at the 27th convention is to be an all-day tour of Louisville industries processing farm products and manufacturing farm equipment on Jan. 6, the day before the convention opens. About 300 delegates from all over the state are expected to make the tour.

More than 1,000 official delegates from 110 counties will be qualified, but around 3,000 are expected to attend one or more of the three-day sessions.

The convention is scheduled to open at 9:45 Wednesday morning, Jan. 7.

The annual meeting of the Associated Women and the five commodity conferences dealing with all Kentucky crops and the meetings of affiliated organizations will be held that afternoon, as well as the final session of the Resolutions Committee.

Thursday there will be general sessions, with the official session of the House of Delegates scheduled for 3:00 p. m. That afternoon followed by district causes when Board members for the ensuing year will be nominated. The annual banquet, with its overflow crowd is set for that night. Final session will open at

### Fish And Game News

A new federal aid project has been started in Kentucky to study the effect of quail refuges on the townsite populations, the Division of Game and Fish announced. Study of quail life on 45 selected areas, 10 of which are control areas, will determine just how great an influence the nurturing of quail on these areas will have on the number of quail in Kentucky fields. The project is being carried on under the direction of Harold Alexander, Federal Wildlife Coordinator in cooperation with the Division of Game and Fish. As a secondary feature of this project a study will be made of the stomachs of foxes from various parts of the state to determine the extent of the animal as a predator on quail. This is being done after reports from many other states

indicate that only a small part of the diet of foxes is made up of quail. Trappers and hunters from all sections of the state will offer foxes' stomachs for examination and the findings will be catalogued.

The activities of the Junior Conservation Clubs while at camp at Dale Hollow on Kentucky Lake have been recorded in a color sound film

and will be shown to schools and junior clubs throughout the state. The 30-minute film was taken by James Gilpin, Superintendent of Education of the Division, and the sound and commentary was prepared by a Chicago firm. Pictures of all activities at the camp as well as the finals in the state mosquito, rifle and casting contest are included.

### SLAYING ON CUMBERLAND

(Continued from page one)

both being shot guns, one a double barrel and one a 12 gauge gun. Officers seem to believe that both sons had been fired. According to Fields, who along with his wife and son are being held for murder, the two officers came in their house and were very nice, Willard Hall telling Willard Collier who was sitting at the table with him, that they had a warrant for him and were standing talking when a shot rang out from behind and from another room which did not have a light in it, and the two men fell mortally wounded. Mr. Hall died instantly, being shot in the heart—Mr. Galloway lived a few minutes. Fields stated that he asked him if he had not always been his friend and a friend to the family. Fields said he told him he had and asked if he had the keys to the car, so that he might get him to a hospital, and Dave said no. He stated that he then rushed out of the house, flagged a neighbor who in turn brought him to Whitesburg where he told the sheriff the story related above.

Willard Hall was one of the best known officers in Letcher county, having been an officer for 21 years, serving in the towns of Haymond, Fleming, Neon and Whitesburg. He is survived by his widow and three sons, Cecil and Claude at home and Clyde who lives in Fleming. He married Martha Bentley of Rockhouse more than 25 years ago. He had talked to some friends only recently and told them that he expected to get killed and that even good people seemed to rejoice when an officer who tried to do his duty was put out of the way.

Burial for Mr. Hall was held Tuesday on Rockhouse near Deane where he grew up. Funeral services were held at 10:00.

Dave Galloway was 47 and was the father of two sons who survive him along with his widow. He had been married about the same length of time as Mr. Hall and had also been an officer for a number of years. Burial was held in the Maggard Cemetery on Cumberland River, Tuesday at 2:00. Mr. Galloway married Miss Maizie Fields and the stand and sing "O Come All, Ye Faithful" as the concluding part of the "Christmas-tide" selection.

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Everyone left the theater with a strong feeling that it is great to live in a country where people follow and believe in "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

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We sing out to you, all our  
heartiest good wishes for a  
wonderful Christmas and a  
New Year full of happiness.

### NOTICE

All Democratic precinct committeemen of Letcher County are requested to meet at the Quarterly Courtroom at Whitesburg, Kentucky, on Saturday, Dec. 27th, 1947, at 1:00 o'clock P. M., CST for the purpose of electing a county chairman to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late John A. Webb.

—ARTHUR DIXON,  
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—MONROE HOLCOMB  
3tp Van, Ky.

## Administratrix's Notice

Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims the estate of Earl Ison, deceased, to please prove their claims and file same with me as required by law, and all persons indebted to the said estate of said Earl Ison, will please call and settle same with me.

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## Leading Carols

By Lynn Connelly

A song which made its appearance in 1942 entitled "White Christmas," is in its fourth year and well on its way to permanent recognition as a Christmas favorite.

The amazing popularity of "White Christmas" as a yuletide song reached its peak last year when a poll conducted to establish the favorite carol of servicemen revealed that 21 per cent of the votes went to this early war song written especially for the occasion by Irving Berlin, graduate of Tin Pan Alley.

The birth of the song was entirely by accident despite rumors to the contrary which attribute its conception to the war. Actually, it was composed in 1940. A Hollywood studio had an idea for a motion picture to be called "Holiday Inn" co-starring Fred Astaire and Bing Crosby. The theme of the picture was based on the holidays of the year and a song was needed to represent each holiday. Irving Berlin was contracted for the compositions. The picture, released in 1942, was synonymous with our second wartime Christmas, and in that year the song

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sold one million copies in four months. Although nothing is done on the part of the publishers to exploit the song, it automatically rises the register each year as the holiday season approaches. Berlin calls it his favorite with the exception of his "God Bless America" written during World War I. "It's difficult to predict a song's future," says Berlin, "but judging from its past, I would say 'White Christmas' has a very good chance of becoming a permanent song along with other Christmas carols."

## The Christmas Spirit

Do you have the Christmas Spirit?

In this world of pain and strife

Tell me "O" please tell me

Have you lived a Christian

life?

Do you have the Christmas Spirit?

Is it Bright or is it dim?

Have you had a talk with Jesus?

Have you clean confessed to him?

Do you have the Christmas Spirit?

Is your heart so clean and clear

Is it not a grateful moment?

When you have your Lord so near.

Do you have the Christmas Spirit?

In this world in which we live

"Yes" In this great America

For sometimes, our lives, we give.

Do you have the Christmas Spirit?

When you work a long, long day

Are you friendly with your neighbors

That you meet along the way.

Do you have the Christmas Spirit?

Can you content yourself and read?

And feel very proud in doing

Each day a noble deed.

Do you have the Christmas Spirit?

Are you a citizen loved by all?

If you are such a person

Never let your kindness fail.

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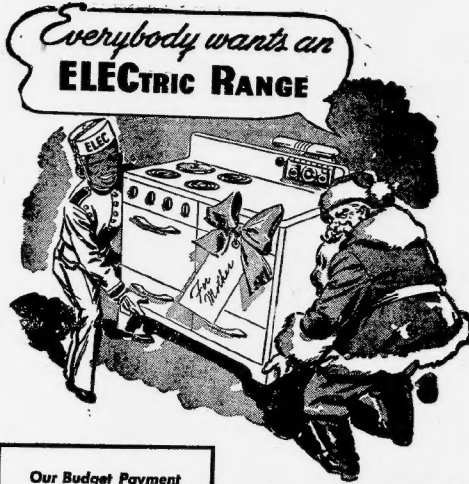
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One of the most popular Yuletide hymns, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" follows the traditional carol style. The first two stanzas depict the angels hovering over the earth and singing their joyous song, the third brings words of comfort to the weary and the fourth prophesies happy days when all the world shall join in the angel's song.

"O Little Town of Bethlehem," another American contribution to the famous Christmas songs of the



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for you of  
Christmaside

## THE QUIET JOYS OF HOME AND FIRESIDE

... the family gathered  
around the heavily-laden  
table... turkey and dress-  
ing, mince and pumpkin  
pies... the Christmas tree  
with its tinsel... the toys  
beneath... May you enjoy  
these deep sweet pleasures  
this Christmas of 1947.

GOODWIN'S

WHITESBURG, KENTUCKY

### Story of the Tree

We are told that the fir tree goes back to Eve, but it was not until the time of Martin Luther that the evergreen was used as an indoor decoration in celebration of Christmas.

It is said that Luther one Christmas Eve wandered through the woods and became enamored with the wonder of the night.

He cut a small snow-laden fir tree and set it up in his home for his children. He illuminated it with candles to represent the stars.

It was not until 1804 that, in Strassburg, the first Christmas tree appeared in literature.

### The Messiah's Ranks As Yuletide Favorite

Best known of all oratorios is Handel's "The Messiah," a favorite presentation of the Christmas season. In almost every community in the civilized world a choir will sing part or all of the oratorio during the Yuletide. People in places too remote to boast a sufficiently skilled choir or soloists will hear "The Messiah's" message by radio.

The famous oratorio was written by George Frederick Handel in London between August 22 and September 14, 1741. The first presentation



was in Fishamble Street Music Hall, Dublin, on April 13, 1742, under direction of the composer.

Ladies were requested to "refrain from wearing hoops" and gentlemen to "leave their swords at home," in order that a capacity audience might swell the proceeds to relieve needy children and the inmates of debtors' prisons.

"The Messiah" was given its English premiere before the court at Covent Garden in March, 1743. George II was so overpowered by the grandeur of the music portraying the King of Kings that he sprang to his feet in reverent acclaim at the opening bars of the Hallelujah chorus, an action which led to the modern custom.

### Holly Now Grown In Many Parts of Land

Grown on the hillides of the coastal states from Maine to Texas and up the Mississippi valley to Missouri, holly is a pretty but slow-growing plant.

Leaves are evergreen, the margins of which are provided with rather widely separated spines. Weak and close-grained, the wood is exceptionally white, making it highly desirable in the manufacture of woodenware, cabinets and interior finishing.

As a result of scientific discoveries holly cuttings will take root quickly when they are treated with hormone-like substances. Christmas holly has been converted into potted plants. These plants can be set out as a permanent ornament for landscape.

Growth regulating substances—indole butyric acid and naphthalene acetamide—are on the market in liquid or powdered form under various trade names. The chemicals are applied to plantings of fresh cuttings kept moist, cool and well shaded.



### LEGEND

Santa Claus is the American version of St. Nicholas, the bearded Saint of Europe who, on Christmas Eve, carried a basket of gifts for good children, and a bunch of birch rods for the naughty ones.

St. Nicholas was transformed into Santa Claus by the Dutch settlers in New Amsterdam, and he became the fat, jolly, red-cheeked old fellow he is today.

Merry Christmas to all.



## TIME TO HANG UP YOUR STOCKING!

Whether it's Santa Claus, Kris Kringle or Father Christmas, let us hail the patron saint of children on this day of days.

Christmas is the season that, above all others, turns the thoughts of mankind back to the all-enveloping innocence of childhood—away from the pure selfishness and commercialism of the every-day world towards the joys of giving and sharing.

It is in that true spirit of Christmas that we wish for you all the blessings of this joyous season.

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### U. K. REGISTRATION TO BEGIN JAN. 5

Prospective new students at the University of Kentucky were advised this week by the Registrar's office of a change in the schedule of registration for the Winter Quarter. Instead of reporting for classification tests, advisory conferences and physical examinations on Friday, Jan. 2, they

will be able to complete all entrance and registration requirements along with returning students on Monday, Jan. 5.

### NOTICE

Steel Lay work done, small work, bushings for cars and other small motors. See—Edwin Taylor at Taylor's Hardware Store, Neon, Ky.

### FOR SALE

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Brazil became independent in 1823.

### U. K. To TEST HEAT PUMP

Mechanical engineering specialists of the University of Kentucky have disclosed that they will begin experiments soon to determine the practical applications of a heating and cooling the equivalent of a six-room house by a pump using the earth as a source of heat. The unusual heat pump, a gift of the Kentucky Utilities Company valued at \$6,000, will be given exhaustive

laboratory tests in a three to five year research program.

Fifth largest in the South, the University of Kentucky library contains more than 400,000 manuscripts.

A small city in itself, the University of Kentucky has its own theater, bookstore, library, postoffice, newspaper, radio station, hospital and police force.

### NOTICE

My Dental Office will be closed from December 20th until after the holidays. Watch this space for the opening date about January, 5th.

—J. E. SKAGGS,  
Dentist  
Neon, Ky.

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Never a Christmas morning,  
Never an old year ends,  
But that someone thinks of  
someone—  
Old days, old times, old  
friends!

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Once again the joyous spell of Christmas is cast over us, as we hurry about with gifts for those we love. That warm glow we get from giving at this holy season cannot be duplicated at any other time of the year. It is our sincere wish that a full measure of happiness may be yours, this Christmas of 1947.

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# St. Nicholas

WISHES  
A MERRY  
YULETIDE  
TO ALL



## Of Course you believe in Santy! ...

But even if you don't right now, the chances are ten to one that at one time in your career—the short pants or long curls stage—there was no doubt in your mind that there was a Santa Claus. You not only believed in him but you were in awe of him!

Santa Claus was a short roly-poly gentleman habitually clad in red with flowing white beard. He drove through the world Christmas Eve in a heavily-laden sleigh drawn by eight dashing reindeer.

It's a beautiful old myth—as much a part of the joyous Christmas season as is our annual wish for a Merry Yuletide for you and yours!



## Lewis Wholesale Company

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Neon, Ky.  
Dec. 4, 1947

Dear Santa

I am a little boy named Billy Harlow who wants you to come and see him and his brother Kenneth on Christmas Eve, we want you to bring us a pair of boxing gloves, basket ball, a train, a wrist watch and some ears, that is all we want hope you get to see all other little boys and girls.

Billy Harlow.

Neon, Ky.

Dear Santa Claus

I am a little girl 8 years old. I am in the fourth grade. I go to school every day. I have three sisters. My oldest sister is 10 years old, her name is Karen. My other two sisters are Shirley 7, Sandra 2. I want a doll, sewing set, Chinese checkers, piano, bak-

ing set, chest, cabinet, candy fruits and nuts, Karen wants a refrigerator, doll, mickie mouse watch, locket and rings. Shirley wants a rubber doll with a bottle, color book, story book, pencil set, and ring. Sandra wants a doll, truck, little red wagon and some chewing gum.

Don't forget all the little orphan children.

Ova Joan Adams,

Whitesburg, Ky.

Nov. 15, 1947

Dear Santa:

I would like for you to bring me a camera, and a pup that does not bite, and a Holy Bible, and a cowboy suit with boots and a airplane that you put together and it flies through the air when you throw it.

Charles Adams



ANOTHER YEAR has passed. Again glad bells are pealing out the Christmas story.

Happy children and parents are planning for the day in the glorious old-fashioned way. Everyone is thrilled by the magic spell of Christmas for they know the spirit of the Christ Child is in the land.

While glad bells peal out, while children make merry, while carols are being sung and the Christmas story is being told and retold, we join in the joyous occasion by expressing best wishes for a

*Merry Christmas  
to each and every one*

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Dear Santa Claus

I am a little girl, I am seven years old. I am in the third grade. I go to school every day and make good grades. I have made straight A's all this year on my report card except one B. I have been a very good little girl. I help my mother wash dishes go to the store for her and help her do

lots of little things. I would like for you to bring me a nice hatrobe and bedroom shoes to match. A pair of snow shoes and a aboulder strap purse, a big doll and some candy, and nuts. I have a little brother, 21 months old. He would like for you to bring him a little wagon, a big ball, a toy, train, a truck, a car with candy in it, an airplane with candy in it or any little thing that would be nice for him.

So I will close hoping to see you at Christmas time.

Your little friend,  
Peggy Lon Collins.

Jeremiah, Kentucky.

I want a car, a truck and a pair of pants a gun and holster set, and a air rifle, your friend, James Hill.

Merry Christmas to all.

### Noel Wishbone

A traditional good luck piece,

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extra note of sentiment when wrapping packages for yuletide giving.

*Happy Yuletide*

*Folks*

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OF EXPRESSING  
TO YOU OUR MOST  
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AND THAT IT  
MAY BE  
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ONE FOR YOU.

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*Peace  
Good Will*

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TIME THAN CHRISTMAS TO  
GIVE RECOGNITION TO OUR  
MANY FRIENDS WHO HAVE  
CONTRIBUTED SO GREATLY  
TO OUR SUCCESS DURING  
THE PAST YEAR.

FROM ALL OF US ONCE MORE  
TO YOU, WHETHER YOU ARE  
OUR CUSTOMER OR NOT ...

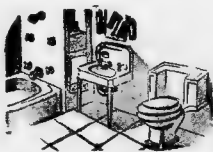
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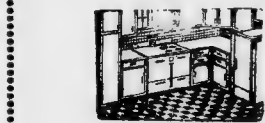
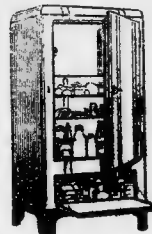
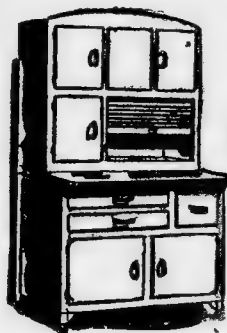
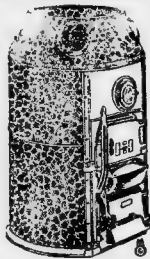
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## TO OUR MANY FRIENDS



... AND MAY THE  
SPIRIT OF THIS  
DAY LINGER ON,  
BRINGING CHEER  
AND COMFORT  
LONG AFTER  
CHRISTMAS DAY  
ITSELF IS GONE.

QUILLEN DRUG COMPANY  
Mr. and Mrs. Cossie Quillen  
and Employees.  
WHITESBURG, KY.

LETTERS TO  
SANTA CLAUS

Jackhorn, Ky.  
Dec. 16, 1947  
Dear Santa Claus  
I am a little boy 8 years old.  
I want you to bring me a  
watch and basketball and any  
thing else you have to bring  
me. Terry is my little brother  
and he is nine months old.  
Please bring him some toys  
too and don't forget any of  
the little boys and girls all

over the world. I'll be expect-  
ing you Christmas night and  
thank you Santa.  
Your little friend  
Jamie Davis.

Sergeant, Ky.  
Dec. 15, 1947  
Dearest Santa

Well Santa I am writing  
you because I'm afraid you  
won't know where I live. I  
have been a good boy so Santa  
please don't forget me so I'm  
going to tell you what I want.

I want a scooter, Electric  
train, a pop gun, red wagon,  
a cow boy suit like Gene  
Autry, oh yes! and a wheel-  
barrow.

So Santa I live on a hill in  
Sergeant in a little white  
house, I am a very small boy  
sure have been good, because  
I have been looking forward  
to your coming. Please re-  
member to fill my stocking  
with what I want and please  
don't forget my candy apples  
nuts and oranges and the rest  
of my family.

Your small friend.  
Cecil Watts.

Neon, Ky.  
Dec. 15, 1947  
Dear Santa:

I am a little blonde headed  
girl 5 years old. I have been  
real, real good this year so  
please bring me a lot of toys.  
I would like a little doll,  
buggy, and doll with clothes,  
also a little accordion and a  
xylophone. Some good books,  
especially "The Littlest Angel".  
A red housecoat and red house  
shoes. Also a telephone and  
play toaster set. Also bring  
my little friends lots of toys,  
too, if you can spare it. I  
like a little cow girl suit.  
Thank you Santa Claus and I  
love you.

Bye Sharon Faye Riddle.

Neon, Ky.  
Dec. 3, 1947  
Dear Santa

I am writing you a letter to  
tell you what I want for  
Christmas. I want a doll and a  
purse and all kinds of toys,  
nuts, candy and fruits. I am  
little girl I go to school every  
day, and I will be looking for  
you to visit my home also.  
bring my little brother a E.  
gun and other toys we sure  
would appreciate a Christmas  
like that.

You can give my mamu  
something she would appreci-  
ate it I am sure, so I will sig-  
off I will be looking for you  
Dear Santa.  
Martha Roy Bevins



Surrounded by myth by primitive  
peoples, the mistletoe was taken  
over by Christians who also wore  
fascial legends around it.

In ancient mythology, the mis-  
tletoe was the instrument of evil.  
The Druids of Britain believed the  
plant possessed healing powers. Other  
primitive people thought that mis-  
tletoe found growing on oaks had  
magical powers.

Taken over into Christian tradi-  
tion, the mistletoe was dedicated to  
the Christ Child. Adopted as sym-  
bolical of the healing power of  
our Lord, it was used to adorn the  
altars at Christmas. Monks of the  
monasteries called it the "wood of  
the cross" and attributed supernat-  
ural powers to it. The white berries  
were said to reflect the radiance  
caught from the guiding star when  
the Wise Men were led to the  
manger.



Norwegian farmers give their  
cattle tubs of home-brewed ale on  
Christmas Eve.

At midnight of Christmas Eve  
people in Madrid set 12 grapes for  
good luck in the coming year.  
There are 175 different kinds of  
bells.

Christmas has been celebrated on  
more than 100 different days in var-  
ious parts of the world.

Christopher Columbus and his  
men landed on the coast of Cuba on  
December 25, 1492, naming the  
point Navidad.

Geert Washington crossed the  
Delaware and made a successful  
attack on the Hessian troops at  
Trenton, N. J., on Christmas Day,  
1776.

Oliver Cromwell and his Puritan  
followers abolished Christmas Day  
in England, banning all feasting  
and fun. The ban lasted for seven  
years and was lifted when Charles  
II became king.

The needy are considered in Hun-  
gary at Christmas time, a levy being  
assessed against richer citizens so  
the poor may have sufficient to eat  
and drink.

Gifts That Will  
Suit Everyone

THE old saying that it isn't the  
gift but the giving that's appre-  
ciated may be true, but just the  
same a good gift quickens the heart  
so much more.

In being able to draw upon the  
abundance of the country, farm  
people are in a position to present  
especially valued gifts of compara-  
tively small cost. For instance, a  
box full of spruce, fir, pine, holly,  
cedar or balsam is always wel-  
comed as a decorative source by  
city friends.

City people, like everybody else,  
also appreciate good things to eat  
and home canned country fruits and  
vegetables or some fowl can be ex-  
pected to make a big hit. Gardeners



in the big town will gladly welcome  
a packet of seeds gleaned from an  
expansive country garden.

Handy home-makers can convert  
old articles into attractive gifts. An  
old felt hat can be made into a  
beanie for some young girl merely  
by using the crown and adding yarn  
stitching for decoration. The best  
part of an old fur coat beyond re-  
pair will make a rich carriage robe  
for a new baby. Pot-holders, dust-  
ing mitts, bath powder gloves, shoe  
bags are some of the items which  
can be salvaged from small scraps.

And, O yes! what could be more  
useful to a young bride than a home-  
made cook-book containing the  
home-maker's favorite recipes? Not  
only will such a book provide for  
tasty eating but it can also be ex-  
pected to guide the young wife over  
some rough moments in the kitchen.

Merry Christmas to all.



● Again gay carols ring out with their  
cherry message of holiday joy.

● In the old, old spirit of Christmas, voices  
of the carolers echo the message of "... tid-  
ings of great joy." Thus, too, do we join the  
carolers in wishing for you the blessed gifts  
of Peace on Earth, Joy, Good Will to Men.

Elk Horn Jellico Coal Company  
WHITESBURG, KENTUCKY



## A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

May the spirit  
of the First Christmas  
gladden your hearts  
this  
Christmas season

Reed Motor Co.

WHITESBURG, KY.

Van, Ky.  
Dec. 16, 1947

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy, 8 years old.  
I am in the 1st grade. I go  
to school almost every day.  
I have a very good teacher. Her  
name is Lora C. Fields. I am  
very good to obey my teacher  
and parents.

Son Santa, being I've been  
such a good boy, I'm going to  
tell you what I want for Xmas.  
Please bring me a big wag-  
on, a toy jeep, a bicycle, a  
BB gun and some BB's, a  
wrist watch, a toy telephone  
an airplane a money bank,  
some candy, gum nuts and  
fruits.

And Santa don't forget my  
little nephews, Michael Dean  
Caudill, H. C. Tyree and C.  
B. Collins and my nieces,  
Blanch, Mattie, Louise and  
June, Inez Collins. They'll all  
be looking for you, and re-  
member my parents, my  
grandparents my grandmother  
and my teacher bring them all  
something nice.

So Santa I'll close for now  
but I'll be looking for you  
Xmas.

Your little friend.  
T. R. Tyree.

Phoenix Arizona  
377 North 15th St.

Dear Santa:

Miss Stabler is my teacher.  
I go to Garfield school, I am  
seven years old, and in second  
grade, I am blue bird.

Please bring me a sparkle  
plenty, dolly, bathinette, doll  
buggy roller skates, house  
cleaning set, nurse kit, and a  
boot full of candy and nuts.  
Give something to the hungry  
children. I will leave you some  
cake and coffee thank you  
Santa.

Your friend  
Frances Anderson  
P. C. Bring my brother  
something too.

Neon, Ky.  
Dec. 4, 1947

Dear Santa Claus

I want a cow boy suit and a

electric train and black board  
and also 2 pistols with holsters  
1 box of chalk, and 10 pack-  
ages of fire crackers, 1 box of  
candy some nuts, oranges and  
apples, one 20 inch bicycle  
tire I have been a good boy  
all year, so don't forget me  
Santa.

R. B. Coker,

Dear Santa Claus

I want to tell you what I  
would like to have you bring  
me for Xmas, a sleigh will be

alright and as et of cowboy  
guns. I also would like to have  
a trailer and a truck, I think  
this would be about enough  
as there are lots of other little  
boys for you to bring things  
to.

Thanks a lot,  
Bill Baker.

Dear Santa Claus

Please bring me a doll and  
telephone and a set of dishes  
and broom to.  
Love, Beatrice



## Time To Be Happy!

Christmastide is the one time in  
the year when we should all be as  
happy as a boy with a bright new  
sled. So let's light up our faces  
and our hearts when we light up  
our trees, and here's wishing for  
you and your family the happiest  
Christmas you've ever had.

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## A HAPPY YULETIDE

WE WISH YOU  
AT CHRISTMAS  
MANY HAPPY HOURS  
AND TRUST  
WE MAY SERVE YOU  
IN THE FUTURE.  
A & P Tea Co., and Employees  
WHITESBURG, KENTUCKY

### Christmas Carols Play Important Part In Holiday Observances All Over World

A GAIN at this Yuletide season the strains of Christmas carols are floating into the hearts and homes of millions of people, carrying the spirit of Christmas. It is at this holiday season that the impulse to sing grips everyone, from the crowing infant to the oldest and most confirmed "monotone."

There are many kinds of carols, some for every mood and taste. Hymns or chants celebrating the Nativity have been sung since the earliest days of the Christian church. Some of the carols, like "Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly," "Good King Wenceslas" and the wassailing songs, have no direct relation to the Nativity, yet they are fully expressive of various phases of the Christmas spirit.

Best loved and most frequently sung of the carols is "Silent Night." It was Christmas time in the hamlet of Oberndorf, South Germany, in 1818 that this beautiful song was

written by Phillips Brooks, a Boston minister. On a trip to the Holy Land, Brooks stood on the starlit hills on Christmas Eve and looked down upon the little city of Bethlehem lying still and peaceful in the night. On the next Christmas, back in America, he wrote the song that was to become famous.

"O little town of Bethlehem  
How still we see thee lie—"

Written for Sunday school singing, the song at first was anonymous but, when the hymn gained immediate favor, Brooks admitted authorship. Many musical settings of this beautiful poem have been made, the two most commonly used being by the English composer, Joseph Barnby, and the American composer, Louis H. Redner.

Charles Wesley, younger brother of John Wesley, founder of the Methodist denomination, shares with

Dear Santa  
I am a little boy 6 years old and I have been a very good boy, except I hardly ever get clean when I wash myself but I am trying to do better all the time, I would love to have

for Xmas a basketball outfit, Wagon, bulldozer, truck, road scraper and lots of candy nuts and fruits, hope I'm not asking for too much and don't forget Delmer and Elmer,  
From Gene Combs.

### Letter To The Editor

Winter Garden Fla., Dec. 14, 1947

Editor-Mountain Eagle,

Whitesburg, Ky.

Dear Mr. Nolan,

I am handing you herewith a clipping from the Sunday Sentinel of Orlando, Fla., showing the appointment of Eli I. Day, to the staff of the Rollins College, Orlando, which I thought might be a little news to Eli's many friends and relatives in Letcher County if you care to put it in your paper.

Eli, as you may already know, is a son of R. C. (Uncle Major) Day of Cowan creek, who was the father of 14 boys and two girls. Being a farmer and on a very poor farm he was forced to bring his family up the hard way, his boys being anxious for an education. I claim to be instrumental in Eli getting his start in school, I picked him up as a rough "Bill Billy" boy at the age of 12 years and started him in school, and have watched his progress since. Eli worked his way through Maryville and Tusculum colleges with high honors and immediately after graduating, he accepted a position with Tamlyn and Brown a New York Public Relations organization and with them several years. Later he connected himself with The Wall Street Journal, of New York, as advertiser director of that paper. The position he has taken with Rollins College, which is one of the best colleges in the South is one of importance and an honor to hold.

And by the way, the Dr. Ervin T. Brown, mentioned in this clipping is also a Letcher County, descendant, being a grandson of Old Uncle George Brown, the miller, and nephew of J. C. Brown, of Dry Fork, Uncle Bill of Cowan and Bud of Smoot Creek. Mr. Brown ranks very high here, being Secretary and Treasurer, of the Rollins College, a director in the Florida Telephone Co., and other high up business concerns. He too could be classed as a one time "Bill Billy" boy that pride and industry has run him up to the top rung of the ladder.

The fact that these two Letcher County boys have made good may be a stimulant to other Letcher County boys to strive for a better education and prominent places in their future and lives.

Eli Day and his wife came to Florida last winter for a vacation. They got the sand in their shoes, and wanted to come and stay. A few months ago I had the pleasure to call them in New York, by long distance telephone and sold them a nice \$20,000.00 home at Altamonte Springs, Fla., and they came down immediately and took possession and a better satisfied couple would be hard to find. I just visited their nice home and grove today. It's a beautiful place and they are very busy packing and shipping Oranges, Grapefruit and Tangerines from their nice grove.

When I see a man like Eli and Ned Day, who have made good and know how hard their surroundings were in their young days it makes me remember the old saying, "That large Oaks from little acorns grow."

If you care to print the little clipping that I am enclosing it will be news to Eli's many friends and kinsmen in your county.

Thanking you for all past favors, and trusting that you and Mrs. Nolan may be able to come to Florida for the winter and visit us, I beg to remain,  
Sincerely,  
J. M. Day.

P. S. — Mr. Nolan I worked hard today and my fingers were so tired still, I couldn't er and my brains so dull I hit the keys on the typewriter couldn't write intelligently, nor spell my words worth a dam. Well I am getting old anyway and why should I care when I do not expect to get married anymore. Come and see us,

love every man woman and child in Letcher County.  
Uncle Jim.

### Rollins Names

#### Annuity Adviser

Appointment of Eli I. Day, former advertising director of the Wall Street Journal, as special consultant, Annuity Department of Rollins College yesterday was announced by President Hamilton Holt.

Day, who recently became a permanent resident of Altamonte Springs, comes to Rollins, after 19 years with the Wall Street Journal. He previously had been associated with Tamlyn and Brown, New York City public relations organization.

Annuity Department of Rollins was developed by Dr. Ervin T. Brown, treasurer and approved by the Board of Trustees in May, 1942. Since then annuity gifts aggregating \$400,000 have been received by the college.

"Rollins is fortunate in experience will be of inestimable value to the Rollins financial office," Dr. Holt said.

"Annuity gifts are particularly attractive to friends of Rollins who wish to make a generous contribution during their life-time yet, who must retain an income as long as they live, after which the gift passes automatically into the permanent assets of the college," Dr. Holt said.

Necessary expenses for the average student during his first year at the University of Kentucky, including fees, board, room, and books, need not exceed \$700.

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1946 Chevrolet Sedan	Black
1946 Pontiac Sedan	Black
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1941 Plymouth Sedan	Black
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1939 Dodge Coupe	Black
1939 Buick Sedan	Tutone Grey
1938 Dodge Sedan	Tan
1936 Ford Sedan	Tan
1948 Reo 2-ton Tractor	Green
1948 Chevrolet 2-ton, 2 speed axle	Blue
1948 Chevrolet 2-ton 2 speed axle	Blue
1948 White WB 22 Truck	Grey
1948 Reo Truck 2-ton	Green
1948 Reo Truck, 2-ton	Red
1947 Ford 2-ton 2 speed axle	Green
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Above the Syrian hill afar  
Thou shinest out tonight, O Star!

Star of the East, the night were drear,  
But for the tender grace  
That with thy glory comes to cheer  
Earth's loneliest, darkest place;  
For by that charity we see  
Where there is hope for all—and me.

Star of the East, show us the way  
In wisdom undefiled  
To seek that manger out and lay  
Our gifts before the Child—  
To bring our hearts and offer them  
Unto our King in Bethlehem!

EUGENE FIELD

### NOTICE

The Public will please note that a change of Ownership of Modern Queen Beauty Shop of Neon, Kentucky has been made. The Operators which were working in it first, are still working under the new management.



### Stylists

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is beauty for those who care. Let our competent and experienced operators style your coiffure to best fit your face and personality.

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In weal or woe, under all conditions, the cheery Merry Christmas comes to the surface. It's natural in mankind. Everyone appreciates a hearty Yuletide greeting—and so, to all our friends, we add our wish for a

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**ALL HAIL TO THE NEW YEAR**



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### "GOD BLESS YOU ALL"

Another year of Life's little uncertainties and worries has all but passed, and the traditional season of Good Cheer is upon us. Somehow the Christmas season erases from memory so many of the past year's irritants that we wonder why we ever worried at all!

It will be good to gather around the hearth again with family and friends. The cracking of nuts, the popping of corn, the banter of grownups, the laughter of children, the opening of presents—well, it all adds up to another glad Christmas. We know again that Life has been good, that every day has been worth living, and that many more happy holiday seasons are coming. It's time for good wishes and good cheer, and for the warmest, finest greeting of all:

We who publish your newspaper wish you  
and yours  
**A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

### "Hawg" Rifle Get Together

Those interested in organizing a muzzle loading rifle club are requested to meet in the Quarterly Court Room at

Whitesburg, Kentucky at 10:00 A. M., Friday, December 26th. Please bring the old scrap iron with you.  
Chester Hogg  
Arthur Dixon



1947  
**Greetings  
at  
CHRISTMAS**

• WE ARE THE WORLD'S MOST INVENTIVE RACE—AND YET WE HAVEN'T FOUND A NEW WAY OF SAYING "MERRY CHRISTMAS." MAYBE IT'S JUST AS WELL!

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### AT CHRISTMAS TIME

more than at any other season, people feel friendly. It's in the very air. In this spirit, then, we offer you our best wishes for a very Merry Christmas.

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An abundance of health, happiness and good cheer is our Christmas wish to you and yours.

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### CHRISTMAS remembrance



\* No matter what the language the spirit of Christmas is the same everywhere... in France, in Holland, in Sweden... and in the good old U. S. A. As you celebrate this joyous season in spiritual companionship with people of good will all over the world, it is our hope that this Christmas of 1947 will be the remembrance you have ever enjoyed.

**A. & L. GROCERY**  
Dave David and Madge Kincer  
NEON, KENTUCKY



The Star over Bethlehem  
shining over your home  
brightens our sincere  
wishes for your  
happiness.

SAM HUSH DEPT. STORE  
NEON, KENTUCKY



—by David M. Porter—  
It is pleasant and edifying experience to know and have known certain people who put service to humanity above personal gain, and love of and pride in their native state, above the glory of recognition on a National scope. Statesmen are not few and far between, but are just unrecognized because they have no press agents and do not blow their own horns.

I watched Earle Clements in the Senate of the Kentucky Legislature for the length of time he was up there and I know that with his popularity he would have had a lifetime job as Congressman from the Second District. He made a personal sacrifice when he ran for Governor and the people and the State have benefited by it.

His personality and his loyalty have so impressed a number of people that the State is going to benefit tremendously. He made no false promises during his campaign and he committed himself to no one for any jobs, and because that the Statesmen of Kentucky are behind him and Kentucky will have an progress that will place it a rightful place in the Union States.

Vesto Barnes was called out of retirement and is jeopardizing his health to become head of the Unemployment Compensation Commission. He was recognized as the best one in the National set-up until he resigned and because of ill health is taking a chance to serve the State that few people recognize. When he left his place there were less than three hundred people on the payroll and now there are more than four hundred and fifty and he will go in with the unpunished expediency of letting out more than one hundred and fifty, not for political reasons but because the Federal Government requires it.

Bob Hensley could make much more in his practice of law, because Bob has the contracts and ability, but he is serving as Earle's executive secretary at a financial loss but the State will gain.

Garrett Withers of Dixon could make much more at his law practice than he will as Highway Commissioner but he is Earle's friend and loves Kentucky.

H. Clyde Reeves, who served as Revenue Commissioner under both Chandler and Johnson, may become Revenue Commissioner under Earle, if he does it will be a sacrifice of from ten to fifteen thousand a year. Dr. A. Y. Lloyd may return as Commissioner of Welfare, and he can make much more than that place.

John Manning is supposed to get the Nod as Finance pointed by the time this goes to press and Mr. Emerson Beauchamp of Russellville was appointed director of the Personal Efficiency Division to replace "Bill" Smith of Louisville.

In a recent Nation-wide survey, Kentucky ranked third in the choice of States that people most wanted to see. We have the scenic, Romantic, and Historic points of interest and the people have the urge to see them. Properly promoted the tourist business can become one of our greatest industries.

Overweight people are particularly subject to diabetes. If oysters are immersed in carbonated water for five minutes they are much easier to shuck.



This Merry Christmas  
is to you.  
There is no wish  
we can give more true  
than this jolly  
old fellow  
is now bringing  
to you.

CRAFT'S CAFE  
"Nat", Valma and Jimmy  
NEON, KENTUCKY

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl six years old and in the first grade. I have made straight A's so far and Santa don't you think that's pretty good? Mrs. Bentley is a good teacher. Please bring her something very nice.

I would like to have a rubber doll that wets its diaper, bedroom slippers, hood, some

Neon, Ky.,  
Dec. 20, 1947.

dishes, plenty of nuts and candy and anything else  
Your friend,  
—Anna Ruth Youngblood.

Neon, Ky.,

I am a good boy four years old. I want a big tricycle, silver fork and spoon, bedroom slippers, plenty of candy and nuts. Don't forget my Mama and daddy and cousins, Clayton, Willa Mae and Eddie.  
—Jim Youngblood.

Neon, Ky.,

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl eight years old. I go to school every day and make good grades. My teacher is Mrs. Collier and I'm in the third grade. Please bring me a doll that wets its diaper and doll clothes a set of dishes, a pair of bedroom slippers and anything else you want to bring. I want candy, nuts and fruits.  
—Rose Marie Youngblood.



Our wishes for your health,  
happiness and prosperity are  
unlimited. May you have an  
extra share of all things good  
this coming year.

Jackson House Furnishing Co.  
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## Federal Land Bank Declares Dividend

The Federal Land Bank of Louisville has declared a dividend of \$412,682.50 announces M. S. Kennedy, Jr., president.

It will be paid to the bank's stockholders, the 118 national farm loan associations in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee on December 22. This brings to almost \$5,000,000 the

amount of dividends paid by the bank since it was chartered in 1917.

The dividend just declared, explained Kennedy, is for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948. It is paid early in the fiscal year in order to give the national farm loan associations an opportunity to declare dividends so they can distribute dividend checks to their 28,000 members at annual meetings held between Janu-

ary 15 and April 15.

The amount of the Land Bank's dividend that each association can pass on to its farmer members will depend upon the association's financial condition and the progress it is making on its reserve program, Kennedy said.

Cuba has about the same area as Louisiana.

Subscribe for the Eagle—  
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We extend our most heartfelt wishes to one and all for a Christmas and New Year... unprecedented in joy and wish-fulfillment!

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"If we achieve by hard work the thing we labor for, the enjoyment we receive is tenfold."

The more intellectual people are, the more originality they see in other men. To commonplace people, all men are much alike.—Pascal.

"Trouble is usually produced by those who don't produce anything else."—Success.

"A proverb is a short sentence based on long experience."—Cervantes.

"If the power to do hard work is not talent, it is the best possible substitute for it."—James A. Garfield.

"Think wrongly, if you please; but in all cases think for yourself."—Lessing.

"Great men are very apt to have great faults: and the faults appear the greater by their contrast with their excellencies."—C. Simmons.



May the Yuletide lantern glimmer with rays of unbounded joy and contentment on Christmas and during the New Year.

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To every home . . . to every body from great-grand-pa down to the new baby—a wonderful Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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**ARLIE BLAIR, Mgr.**  
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On this happy occasion we wish to you and those you hold dear . . . Merry Christmas and a rewarding New Year.

**Days Grocery and Employees**  
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**WHITESBURG, KENTUCKY**

### "BEYOND"

It seemeth such a little may to me  
Across to that strange country — the Beyond,  
And yet, not strange, for it has grown to be  
The home of those of whom I am so fond,  
They made it familiar and most dear,  
As journeying friends bring distant regions near.

So close it lies that when my sight is clear  
I think I almost see the gleaming strand;  
I know I feel those who have gone from here  
Gone near enough sometimes to touch my hand  
I often think, but for our veiled eyes,  
We should find heaven right round about us lies.

I cannot make it seem a day to dream,  
When from its dear earth I shall journey out  
To that still drearer country of the dead,  
And join the lost ones, so long dreamed about,  
I love the world, yet shall I love to go  
And meet the friends who wait for me, I know.

I never stand above a tier and see  
The seal of death set on some well loved face  
But I think, "One more to welcome me,  
When I shall cross the intervening space,  
Between this land and that one over there;  
One more to make the strange Beyond seem fair."

And so for me there is no sting of death,  
And so the grave has lost its victory,  
It is but crossing—with bated breath,  
And white, set face—a little strip of sea.  
To find the loved ones waiting, on the shore,  
More beautiful, more precious than before.

### Animals Antics Add To Accidents, Annual Survey Shows

Chicago, Dec. 13.—When a sparrow smokes in bed and a cockroach kicks a man down the stairs, things are getting good and wacky. But that's what happened in 1947.

And that isn't all. A dead deer shot a hunter. And some busy little bees boarded streetcar and caused a honey of an accident.

Yes, the annual roundup of odd accidents by the National Safety Council reveals that animals stole the show in 1947.

Firemen in Camden, N. J. spent an hour looking for the source of smoke that poured through the home of Mrs. Marie Baugher. They finally found it—a bird's nest under the roof. A sparrow had carried home a lighted cigarette.

The celebrated case of the cantankerous cockroach occurred in Detroit and involved John Nantico, a bakery employee. Nantico said he was ascending stairs made slippery by spilled cake-frosting when he looked into the leering eyes of the biggest cockroach any man ever saw. Nantico aimed a knockout kick at the roach with his right foot. The roach ducked. Nantico's left and anchor foot slipped in the frosting and he hurtled end over end to the floor below. His kicking leg was broken.

A lot of hunters shoot deer, but not many deer shoot hunters—especially if the deer are dead. But a dead deer did shoot Clarence Gerkin of Hudson, Colo. Gerkin had shot the deer and was preparing to dress it when a reflex kick by the animal hit his gun and discharged it. The bullet tore through Gerkin's left arm.

The hit-skip cow became part of the nation's traffic problem when it bowled over Mrs. Lucy Mostand as she alighted from a bus at busy intersection in Milwaukee.

Possibly stung by the high cost of living, bees apparently quit riding in private automobiles in 1947 and democratically took to street cars. A merry group of them informally boarded a trolley in Cincinnati through an open window and evinced high interest in motorman Earl Armstrong. As Armstrong frantically battled at his bumbling passengers, the street car bumped an automobile, which rammed the rear of another, which rammed the rear of another.

In St. Joseph, Mo., Postman A. R. Saunders, thoroughly accustomed to the threat of hostile dogs and other mailmen's maladies, found something new when a patron's pet goose severely nipped the letter carrier.

Not to be outdone by ani-

mals, human beings had some fancy freak squeaks themselves in 1947. For example: Stanley Morrison, Newburyport, Conn., was surprised to run into his father one day—at a grade crossing. When Stanley's truck crashed into a passenger train at the crossing, the engineer hurriedly climbed down from his cab to inspect the damage. He was Stanley's dad.

A speedboat carrying Miss Georgia Brooks on Lake Geneva, Wis., swerved so sharply it threw Miss Brooks into the water. The boat swerved again, hit the struggling swimmer, tossed her 10 feet in the air, and caught her neatly on its prow.

Leroy Thurman was helping open a case of compressed bedsprings in Oklahoma City when the springs sprang. He didn't jump fast enough, was catapulted against the ceiling, and went to the hospital, where bedsprings behave themselves.

Fishermen Katsumi Nishitawa and Woodrow Wakatsuki would have broken all records for a catch off Santa Monica Calif., one day this summer had it not been for one thing. They hauled in so many mackerel the weight of the fish sank the boat.

A lot of comedians make a lot of gags about false teeth biting their owners, but it just isn't funny to Walter Springer, Ann Arbor, Mich. Springer was carrying his teeth in his shirt pocket one day when his automobile collided with another car. The impact threw him against the steering wheel, and his own teeth bit the man that feeds them.

World's champion freak faller of the year, so far as distance is concerned, was Charles Wilfred Arter, pitboy in a mine in South Yorkshire, England. Charlie fell down a 1,554-foot shaft and escaped with only a broken leg. Halfway down the shaft he overtook an elevator cage which was going down almost as fast as he was. He landed gently on its roof and rode cozily the rest of the way down.

In Lille, France, Yvon Dherire, a tile-setter, slipped off a roof, fell six stories and landed snugly in a baby buggy from which an observant mother had frantically snatched her child. Dherire was unhurt. The mother fainted and broke an ankle. The baby was utterly fascinated.

Back in America, Mrs. Anne McGinnis, Washington, fell from a fourth-floor fire escape, struck a clothes line at the third-floor level, was flipped through a window and landed in the second-floor bath-room of a startled neighbor.

Mrs. Lee Marksbury of Centralia, Mo., crawled uninjured from the wreckage of her car after it had turned over five times. She took a look at the debris, faintcd, and

suffered a cut over the eye as she fell.

And in Chicago Miss Elinor Jones, petite young secretary, scoffed at masculine warnings in her office that the new long skirts were a tripping hazard, proudly sallied forth with the New Look, tripped and fell, cut her face. Next morning she dutifully reported the accident to her employer — the National Safety Council.

### SERGEANT

By Ruth J. Webb  
Mr. and Mrs. Homer Morris of Louisville, Mr. Lester Webb of Harlan, formerly of Sergeant were the weekend guests of Mr. Webb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Webb.

Mrs. William S. Merrill Jr. and daughter Judy were called to Krypton, Ky., for the funeral of her sister-in-law.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Mattie Shores. She will be missed by her relatives and friends.

Mrs. H. W. Salling is on the sick list at this writing. She is ill with a broken arm. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Tro. Sexton are the proud parents of a baby girl borned Dec. 15th. They have chosen the name Wanda Joyce.

Norma Dere Cole is on the sick list at this writing.

Archie Lee Hunsucker of the U. S. Navy, is spending a few days with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hunsucker.

### News For Veterans

There will be no reduction in subsistence payments for student veterans who are out recess, Veterans Administration officials in Columbus, of school during the holiday Ohio said today.

Student veterans will continue to receive the full sub-

sistence allowance to which they are entitled. The time they are on holiday vacation will be deducted from their period of eligibility.

The number of World War II Veterans enrolled in educational and job-training courses in Ohio, Michigan and Kentucky reached an all-time high of 346,123 on December 1, it was reported today at the Veterans Administration tri-state Branch Office in Columbus, Ohio.

The total included veterans studying the trainees under both the G. I. Bill (Public Law 346) and the Vocational Rehabilitation Act for the disabled (Public Law 16).

In Ohio the total reached 170,602, including 123,917 attending educational institutions and 46,685 taking job-training courses.

Michigan had 132,202 veterans in training, including 113-

271 in educational institutions and 18,931 enrolled in job-training programs.

The total in Kentucky was 43,321, including 33,203 in educational courses and 10,118 in job training programs.

### Card of Thanks

I wish to express my many thanks to the people and friends who were so kind and good to me, in the death of my beloved husband Warren G. Meade killed in the mines Nov. 22, thanks to all who sent the beautiful flowers, the preachers who preached so wonderful I also want to thank the Craft Funeral Home for their kindness in my time of grief and sorrow. God bless you all — Mrs. Geneva Meade

DDT has been found effective in eliminating barnacles from ship bottoms.



Old and traditional as Christmas itself are our new and bright wishes for a sparkling year of health, wealth, good cheer and happiness.

**J. B. DICKS 5 & 10 STORE**  
**NEON, KENTUCKY**



Christmas! No vaunting phrases can truly carry the meaning of that word, no marching adjective picture its fulfillment. Its being and expression must ever lie in the simple words of the prophets, in the unpretentious but meaningful phrases of the Men of Galilee:

"ON EARTH PEACE,  
GOOD WILL TO MEN."

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And trust  
to offer you Cheer  
every day  
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### MERRY XMAS AND ALL GOOD WISHES



Santa's heading in  
your direction with  
wishes from us for a  
glorious and joyous  
yuletide.

HARLOWE'S GARAGE  
Clarence and Carl Harlowe  
NEON, KENTUCKY



It would be  
difficult, indeed,  
to forget our friends,  
particularly at Christmas.  
We want you to know  
how close we feel to all  
of you, and how sincerely  
we wish for each  
of you the choicest  
blessings of Yuletide.

CRAFT'S DEPT. STORE  
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In Colonial times Christ-  
mas was the gayest  
and happiest season of the  
year... and so it is today.  
It is our sincere wish that  
during this Christmas of  
1947 the warm, sweet  
joy of this blessed ses-  
son may fill your hearts  
to overflowing.

A & J. GROCERY COMPANY  
Pete and Jewell  
NEON, KENTUCKY

### Inexpensive Gifts Can Be Made With Christmas Cards

MOST of us have stored away in attic boxes and desk drawers, Christmas cards from last year and the year before that we just couldn't bear to throw away.

These cards can be transformed into charming Christmas gifts with a little ingenuity and a minimum of time on your part.

Lampshades are always welcome—and here's a novel idea for designing a special gift for a special person. If your friend is partial to floral arrangements, New England farm scenes, cats—or whatever, select the cards accordingly. Take a plain parchment shade, brush entire outer surface with clear shellac and let dry partially. Meantime brush the back of the cards with shellac and expose to air for several minutes until shellac reaches a sticky consistency. Apply cards to appropriate spots and press



**EVEN THE FIRST**... Since the first Christmas card was made, they have been saved and utilized for the making of artistic gifts. During and since the war the demand for the cards for those in hospitals has reached a new high. Our wounded have been supplied with thousands of cards which they use in making gifts.

down. Brush entire lampshade surface, including newly applied cards, with the shellac. Let dry. The shellacking process may be repeated any number of times as each application serves to increase the durability of the lampshade. Pierce holes, about an inch apart, around top and bottom edges; lace with ribbons.

Wastebaskets, too, make attractive gifts. The cardboard variety, either oval or square in shape, can be secured in your local 5 and 10 or department store. Cover with plain paper or gift wrapping. Shellac, mount cards. Re-shellac—as with the lampshade.

Another trick! Select three cards of uniform size and theme—either religious, scenic or peasant, etc. Place them in inexpensive cardboard or wooden frames. Take a long strip of heavy satin ribbon with seven-on bow at one end. Attach frames to ribbon in Victorian manner, i. e., one over the other. Then sew a hook on back of bow so ribbon may be hung from the wall.

A useful and colorful gift for the man of the house—especially if he happens to be a pipe smoker—is the large box of kitchen matches artistically "camouflaged" so Mother won't object to its presence in her newly "done over" living room. Cover all surfaces, with the exception of the sanded striking area, with strips of colorful designs taken from Christmas cards. Paste the cutout Christmas card designs on one or both of the large surfaces—shellac, allow to dry, and repeat process.

One of the simplest to make, yet most effective small gifts, is the bookmark. Cut out, in rectangular shape, the Christmas card design of your selection. Then tape a strip of good quality ribbon—either satin or grosgrain—to the back of the card so that the ribbon extends about three or four inches beyond its bottom edge. Scotch tape can be bought at most stationery and gift shops in colors, now, and it lends a more festive air to the usual transparent tape. It's a good idea, too, to give the card a coat or two of shellac so it will resist fingerprints and smudging.

Two blocks of wood, painted in pretty pastels, mounted with Christmas cards and shellacked are just the thing for the guest room bookends. In similar fashion wooden boxes can be "dressed up" with cutout floral Christmas card designs to serve as cigarette containers.

### Is There Any Room

In the month of December  
About two thousand years ago  
We read of a poor woman.  
A traveling in the snow.

She went into a hotel  
In a town where there was  
boom.  
She asked the Inn Keeper  
If he had any room.

He stood for Just a moment  
Then she heard the dreadful  
tune

I have a barn you may sleep  
in  
But in my hotel there's no  
room.

She plodded on the highway  
And looked up at the moon,  
She spake to all the people  
Up yonders plenty room.

She went over to the barn  
She didn't have a broom  
King Jesus he was born there  
And he fixed for her a room.

An Angel came and called  
for Mary  
From away beyond the Moor  
Then she heard King Jesus  
say

With me there's plenty room

Mary has gone on to heaven  
There she doesn't need  
a broom

For there she heard King  
Jesus say,  
Here is a nice clean room.

Jesus loves all the people  
More than you love the month  
of June

Today repent and live for  
Jesus,  
And in heaven you'll find room

Dear people all take warning  
When you look up at the moon  
And help that poor woman,  
Who doesn't have a room.

And when Gabriel blows the  
trumpet  
He will blow it with a boom  
And then you'll hear King

Jesus say,  
For you there's plenty room.  
Written by Elder James I  
Collins, Isom, Ky.

**THE POETS CORNERED**  
He liked to hear the squeal  
of tires

And hear motor's drone,  
Now others in the ward with  
him

Sure hate to hear him groan.  
—Keith Cable, Compton, Ky



### A-MERRY-CHRISTMAS

And when the day  
is gone  
Our wishes for  
our friends  
Continue on and on  
and on!

WRIGHT MOTOR COMPANY

Neon, Kentucky



With all the  
joys of the season  
to you!  
GOOD HEALTH,  
GOOD CHEER,  
and a  
MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

KINCER HARDWARE CO.  
NEON, KENTUCKY



### If we could—

we would say "Merry  
Christmas" to each of you  
personally. Since we can't,  
the next best thing is to  
put our greetings in print.

M. D. COLLIER FURNITURE CORP.  
NEON, KENTUCKY



May  
this Christmas bring  
happiness as true,  
as that  
we have known  
in our relations  
with you!

QUILLEN ELECTRIC CO.  
and Employees  
NEON, KENTUCKY

### TALLYHO!

Due to a shortage of reindeer this  
season we send you our Christmas  
Greetings in this conventional way!

In this season of gift-giving may  
we say that your friendship is our  
choicest gift, and we appreciate it  
beyond words to express. May your  
Christmas be a merry one, indeed!



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